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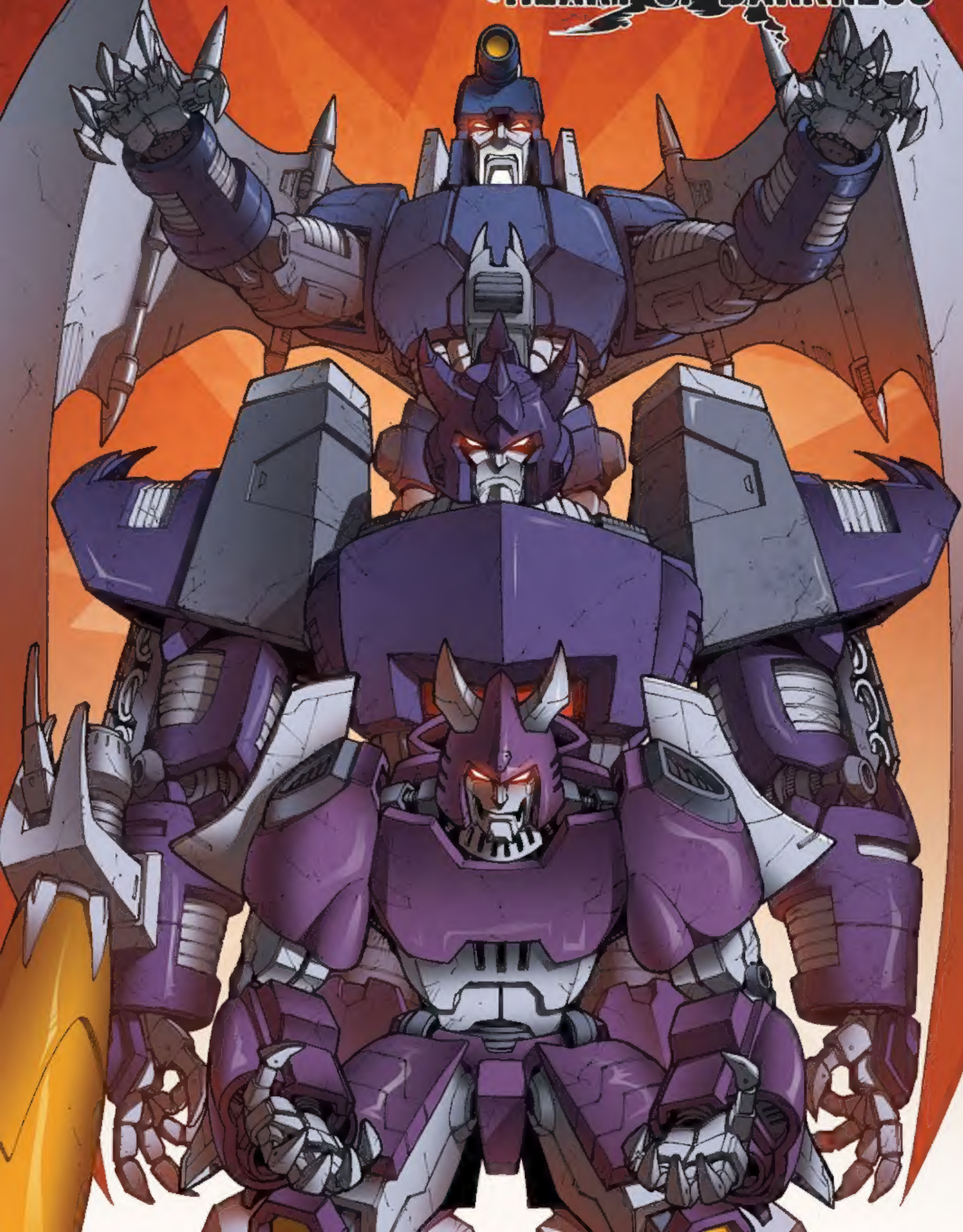
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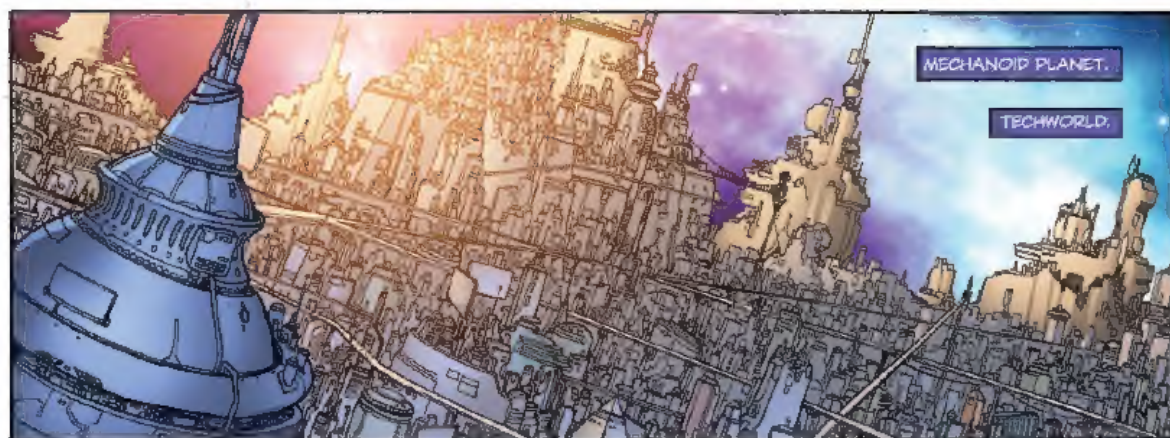
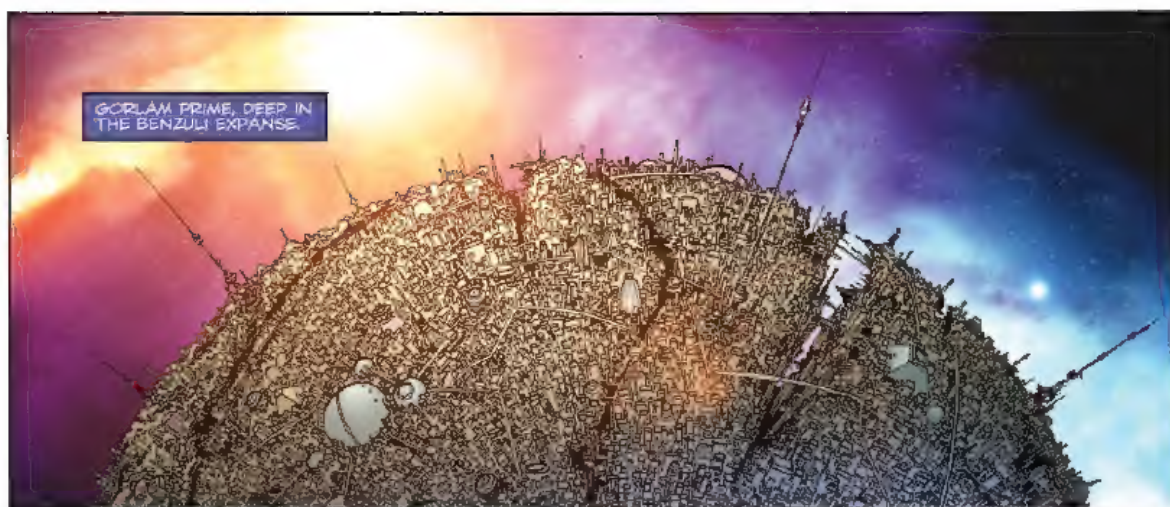


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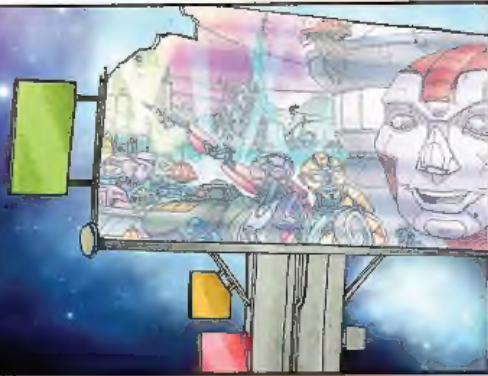
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OR AT LEAST IT
ALWAYS WAS...



...UNTIL I RETURNED TO IT, AND
DISCOVERED IT DEAD, EMPTY.

ABANDONED.
VACATED.

SILENT AND UNMOVING LIKE
AN INTRICATE MECHANISM
THAT HAS WOUND DOWN
OR BROKEN.





I AM GALVATRON,
SEEKER OF TRUTH
AND KNOWLEDGE
AND THIS SIGHT...

...IT DISTRESSES ME.
IT MYSTIFIES ME.

IT CAUSES
GREAT ANGUISH
TO THE HEART
OF DARKNESS
THAT BEATS
IN SECRET,
WITHIN ME.



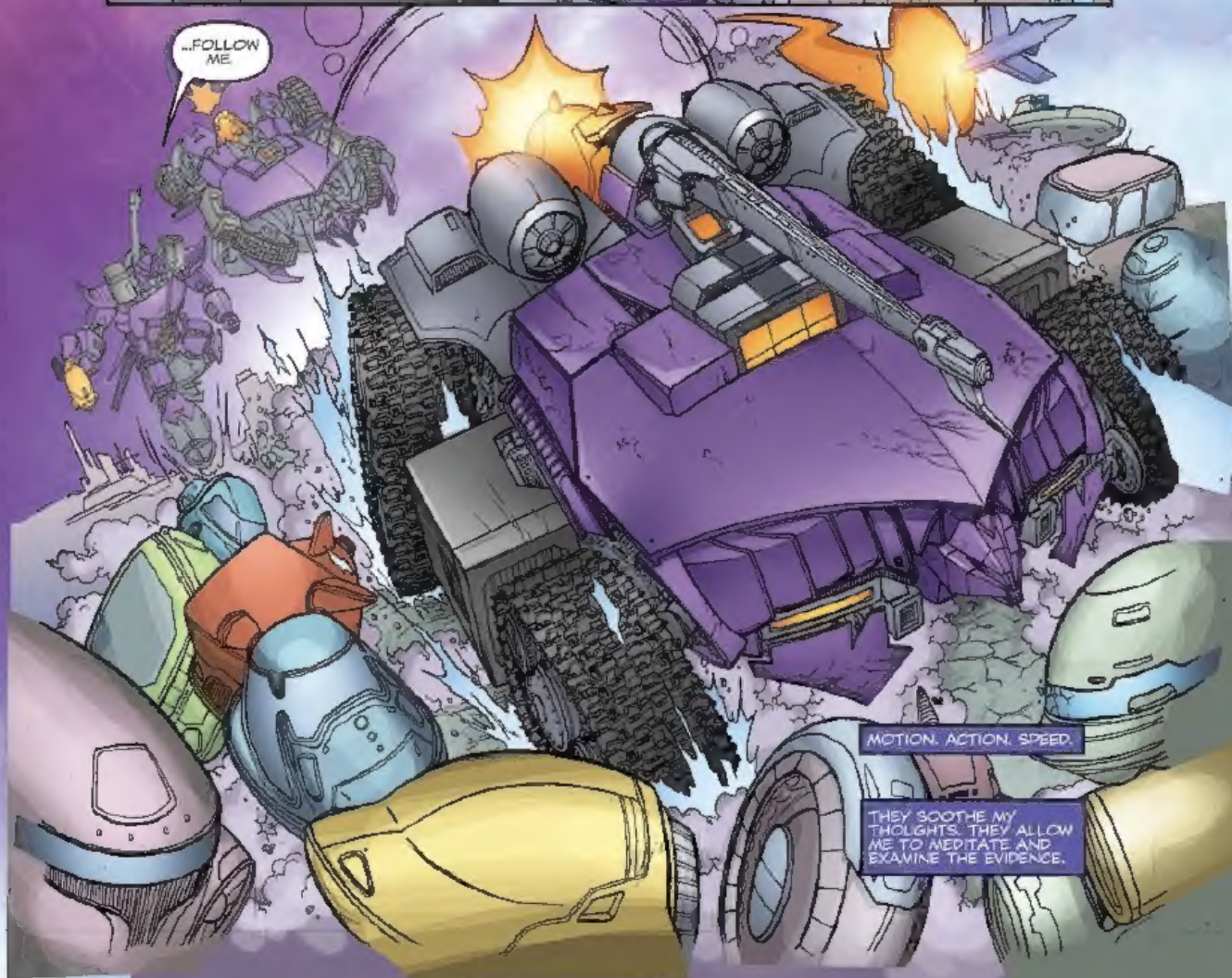
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SCOURGE,

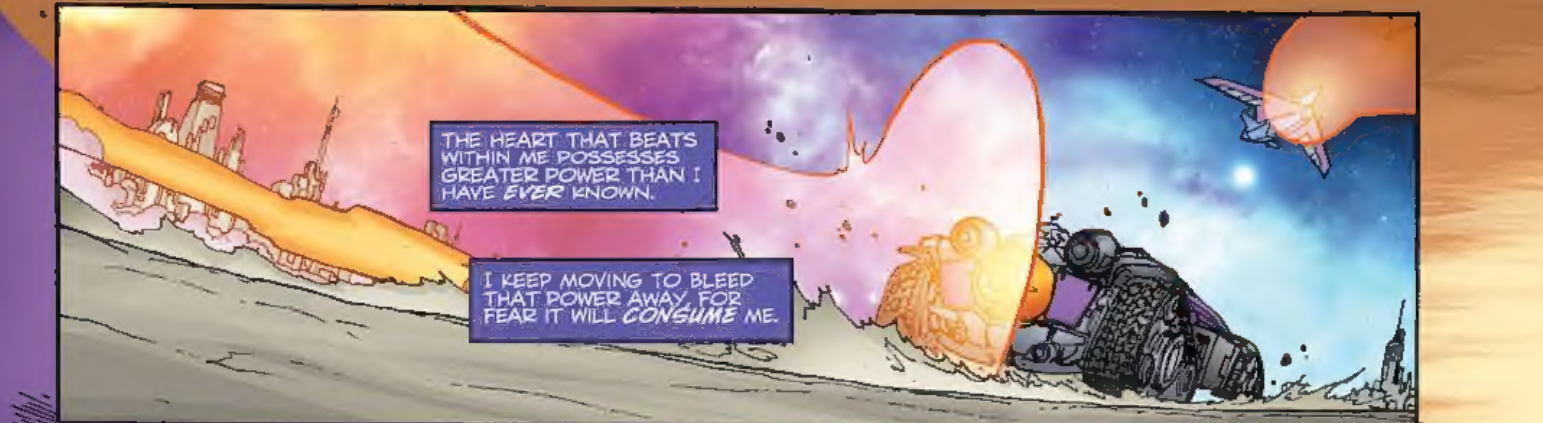
REPORT.

WHAT
HAVE YOU
FOUND?

NOTHING,
GALVATRON.

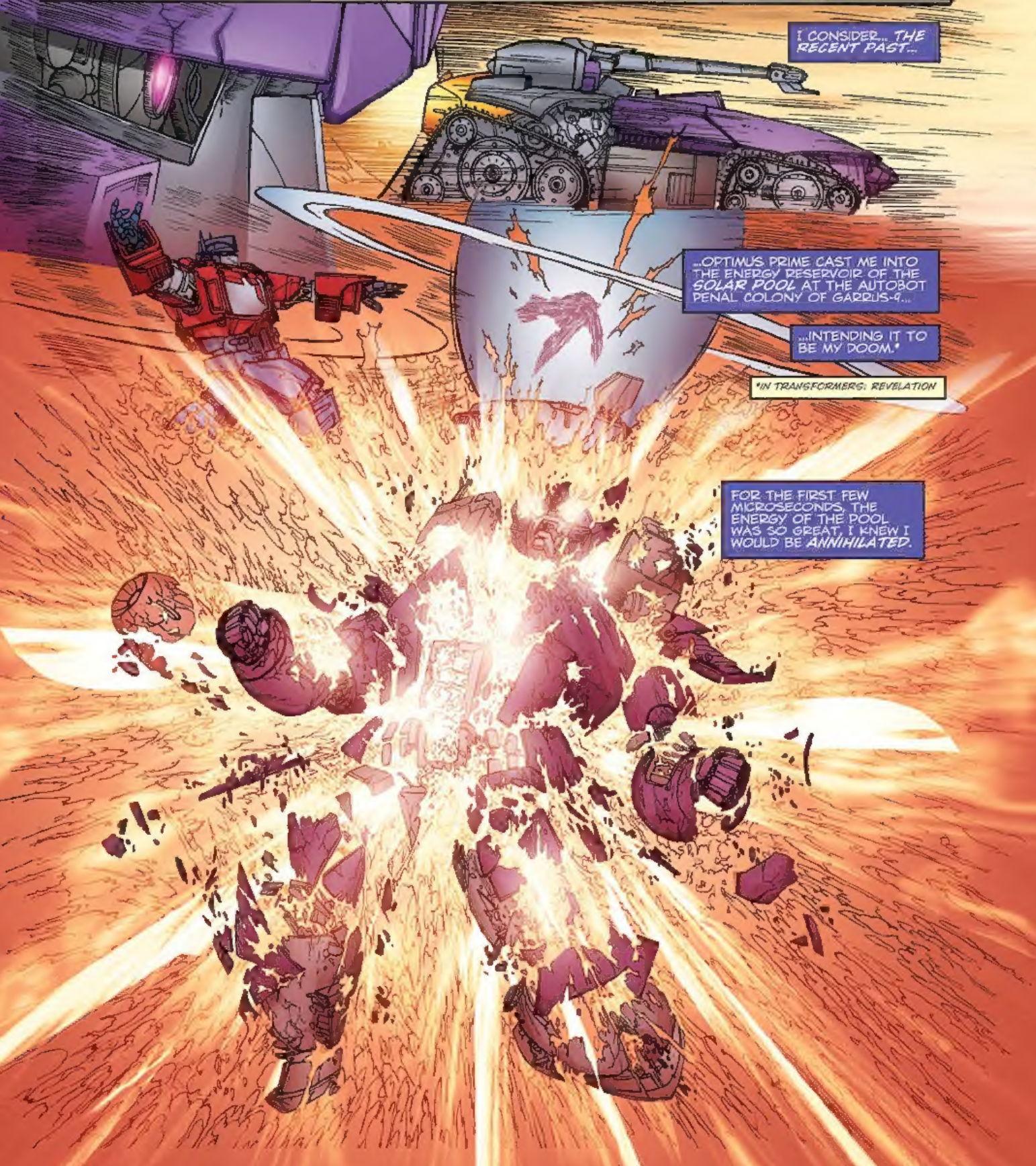
NOTHING
WHATSOEVER.





THE HEART THAT BEATS
WITHIN ME POSSESSES
GREATER POWER THAN I
HAVE EVER KNOWN.

I KEEP MOVING TO BLEED
THAT POWER AWAY, FOR
FEAR IT WILL CONSUME ME.



I CONSIDER... THE
RECENT PAST...

...OPTIMUS PRIME CAST ME INTO
THE ENERGY RESERVOIR OF THE
SOLAR POOL AT THE AUTOBOT
PENAL COLONY OF GARRUS-9...

...INTENDING IT TO
BE MY DOOM.*

*IN TRANSFORMERS: REVELATION

FOR THE FIRST FEW
MICROSECONDS, THE
ENERGY OF THE POOL
WAS SO GREAT, I KNEW I
WOULD BE ANNIHILATED.

INSTEAD, SOMETHING
HAPPENED.

IN THE DARKNESS
BEYOND THE PAIN
OF DISINTEGRATION,
SOMETHING WAS
WAITING FOR ME.


CONTAINED WITHIN ME WAS THE
DORMANT ANTI-MATRIX OF THE
DEAD UNIVERSE, AND AT THAT
MOMENT OF DANGER IT AWOKED AND
SAVED ME. IT JOINED WITH ME.

A HEART OF DARKNESS.

AND I WAS BORN.

AUTOBOT GUARDS HEARD ME
EMERGE FROM THE SOLAR POOL.

THE AUTOBOT GUARDS
HEARD ME
EMERGE FROM THE
SOLAR POOL.



BUT WHEN THEY SAW ME
WHEN THEY SAW THE POWER
THAT HAD BECOME
INVESTED IN ME.

THEY ABUSED THEMSELVES
INSTEAD OF ME.

I QUIT GARRUS-2
BECAUSE HE WAS DEAD.

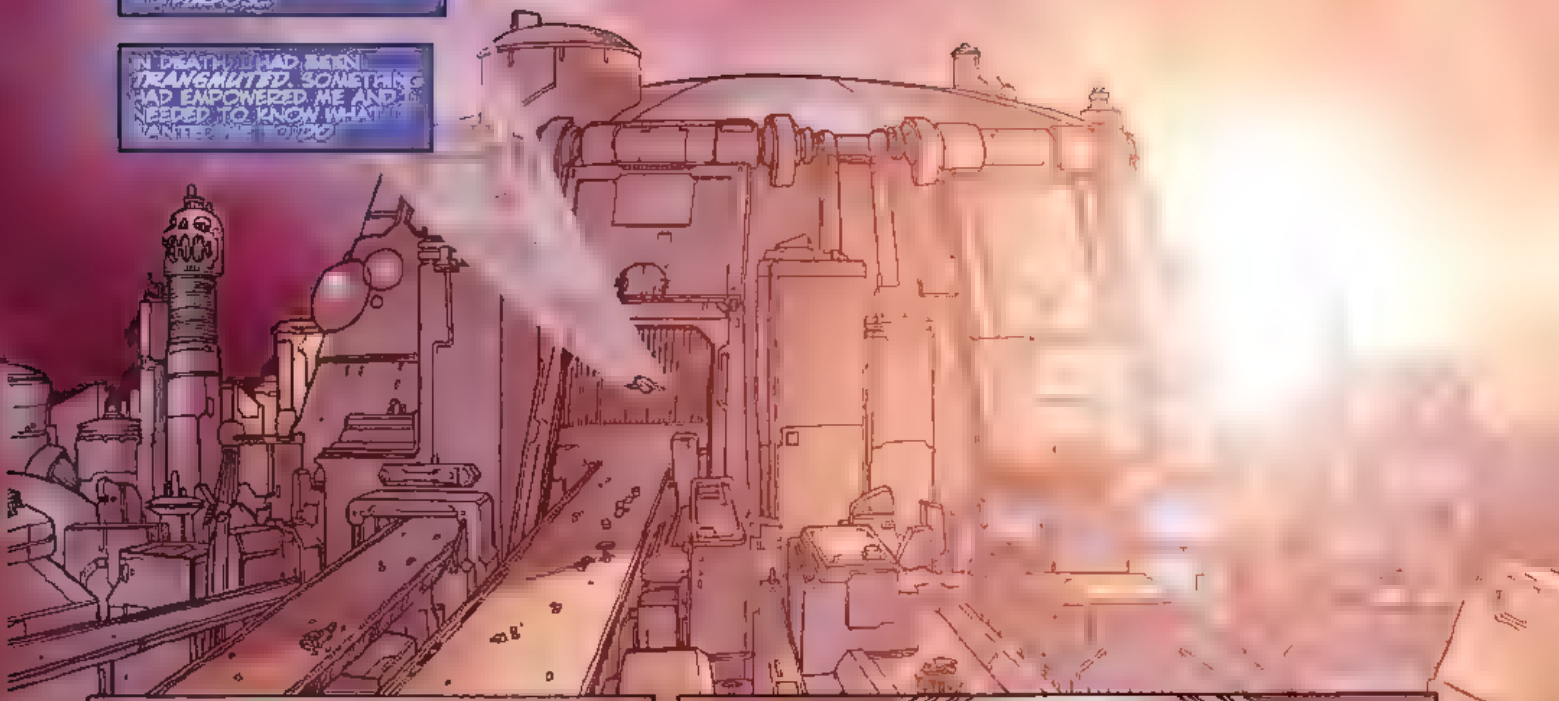
I HOPED I COULD
REUNITE WITH THE SPEAKERS WHO
HAD TRAVELLED THROUGH INTO
THE DEAD UNIVERSE WITH ME.

I THOUGHT THAT, LIKE ME,
THEY MIGHT RECOGNIZE
THE PROVIDENCE OF THE
ANTI-MATRIX NOW
RESIDING WITHIN ME.

IT WAS WHISPERING WARNINGS TO
ME... WARNINGS OF THE THREAT
THE DEAD UNIVERSE REPRESENTED.

I THOUGHT THE SEEKERS
MIGHT HELP ME INTERPRET
ITS WARNING AND DEFINE
ITS PURPOSE.

IN DEATH I HAD BEEN
TRANSMUTED. SOMETHING
HAD EMPOWERED ME AND I
NEEDED TO KNOW WHAT IT
WANTED ME TO DO.

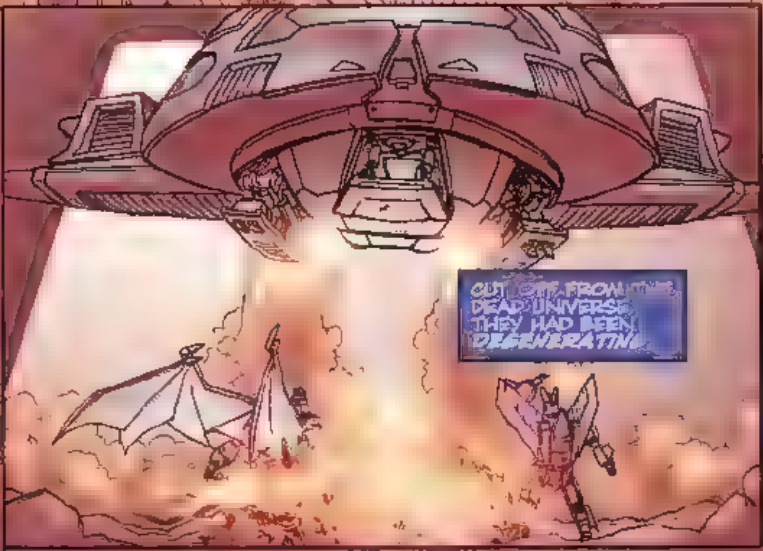


BUT I
DISCOVERED
HAD BEEN IN
THE NO-TIME
OF THE SOLAR
POOL FOR
MATTER
YEARS.

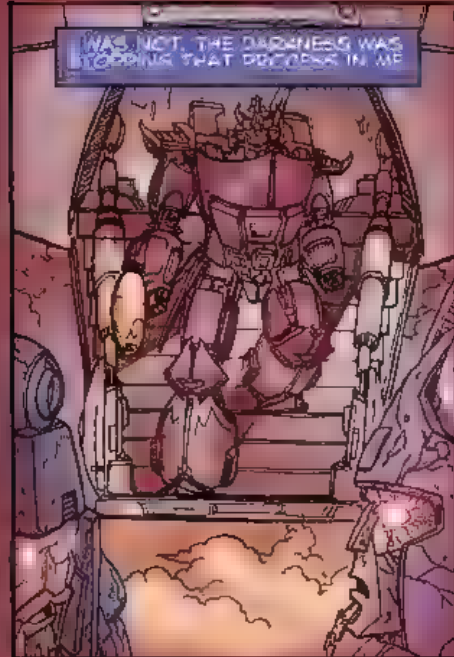
ON GORLAM
PRIME, CYCLONUS
AND SCOURGE
HAD BEEN
SLOWLY DYING.
THE SEEKERS
WERE ALREADY



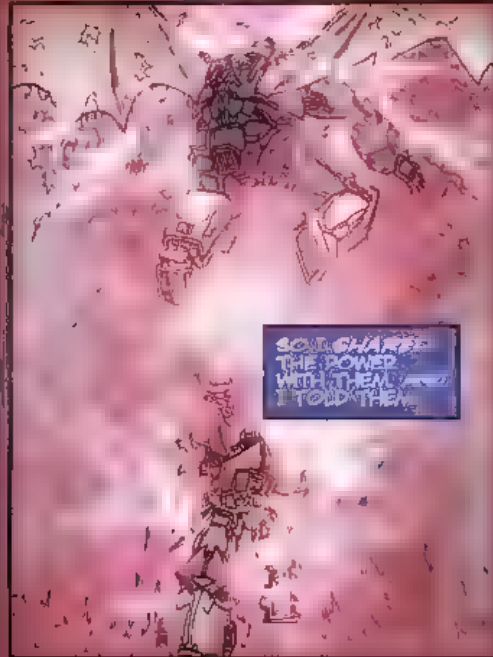
CUT OFF FROM THE
DEAD UNIVERSE
THEY HAD BEEN
DEGENERATING.



WAS NOT. THE DARKNESS WAS
STOPPING THAT PROCESS IN ME.



SCOURGE
HAD THE POWER
WITH THEM
I TOLD THEM.



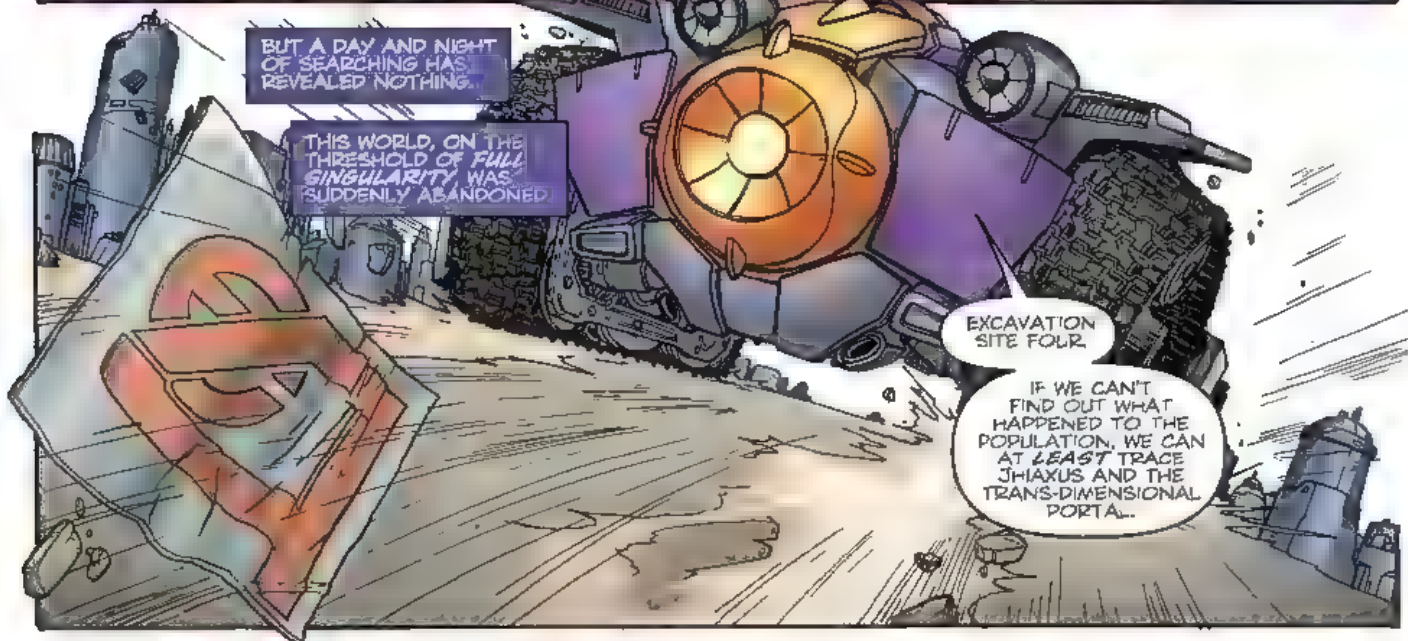
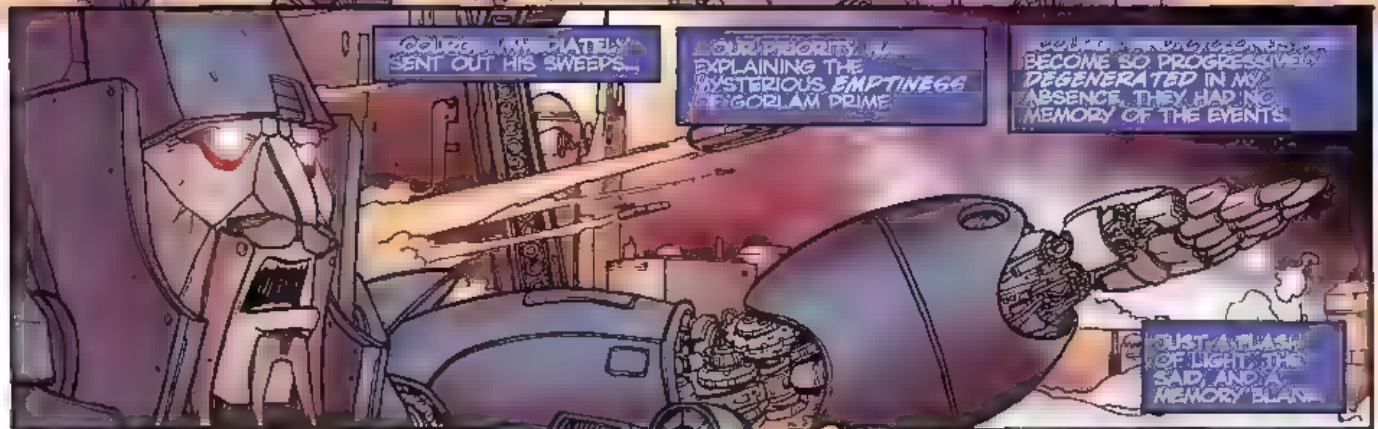
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A NEW
MISSION.

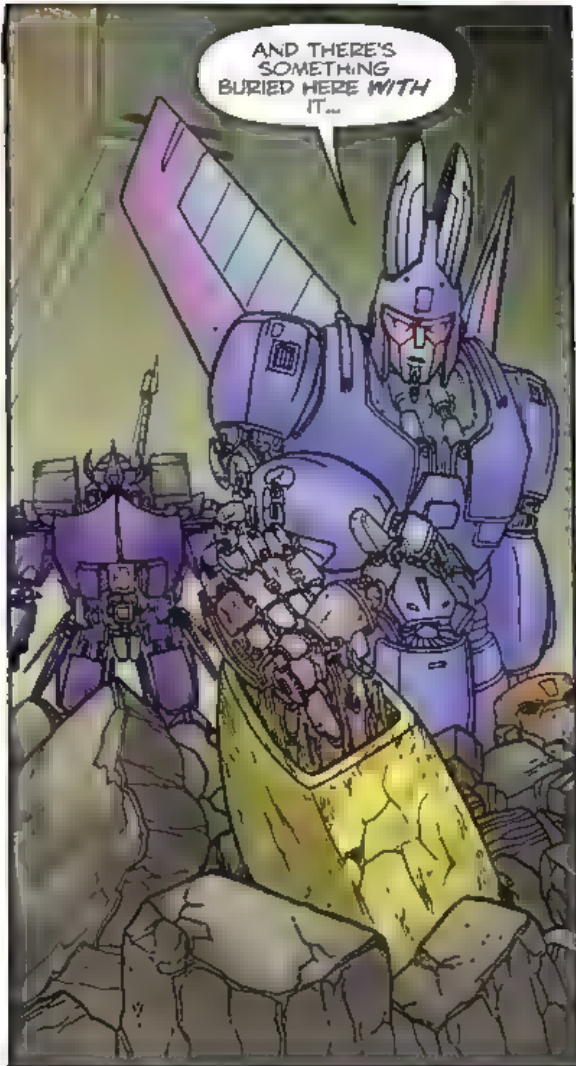
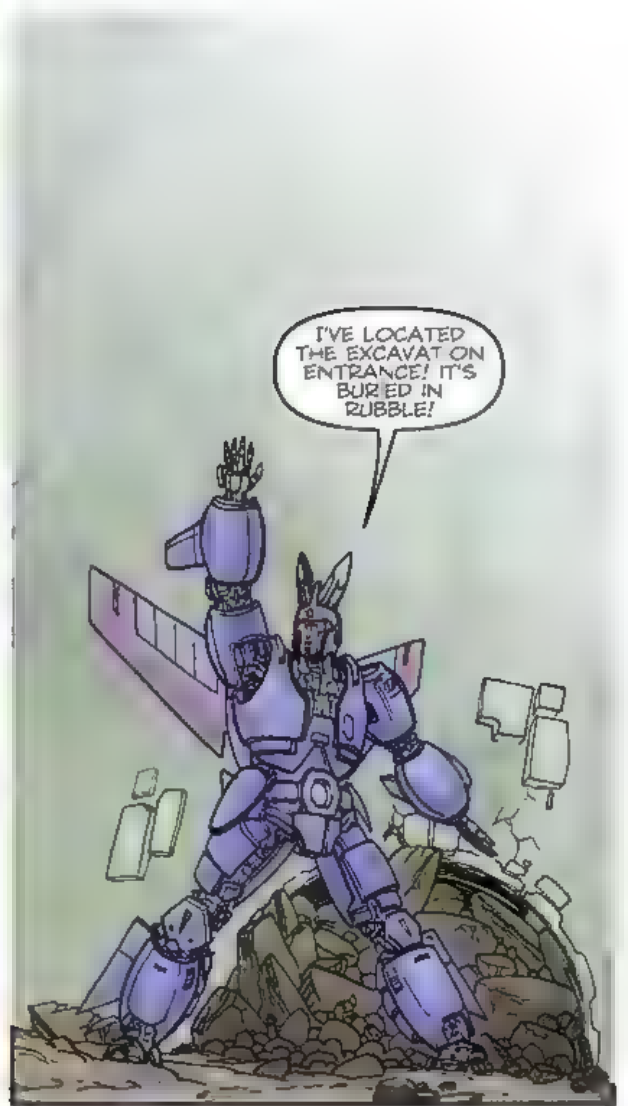
WE ARE
TRANSFORMED
INTO CATALYSTS
OF CHANGE.

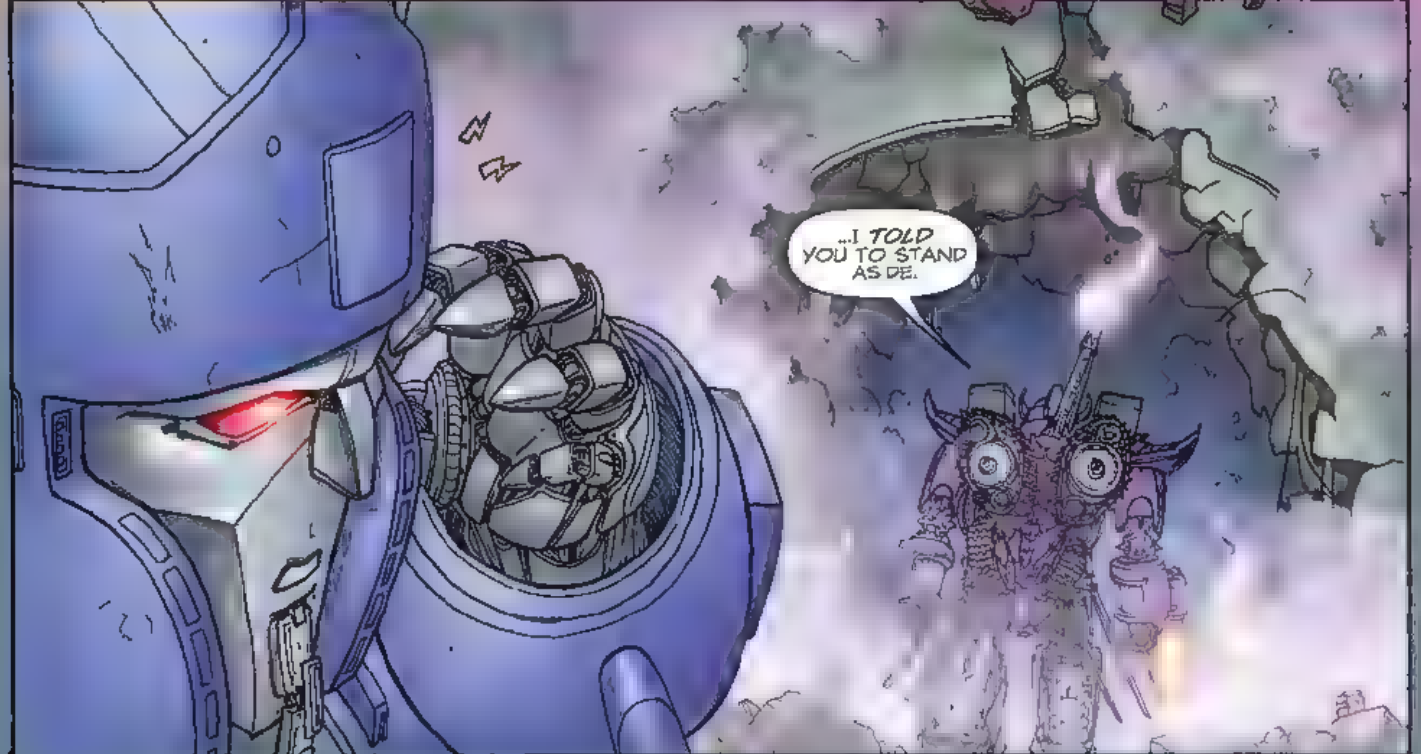
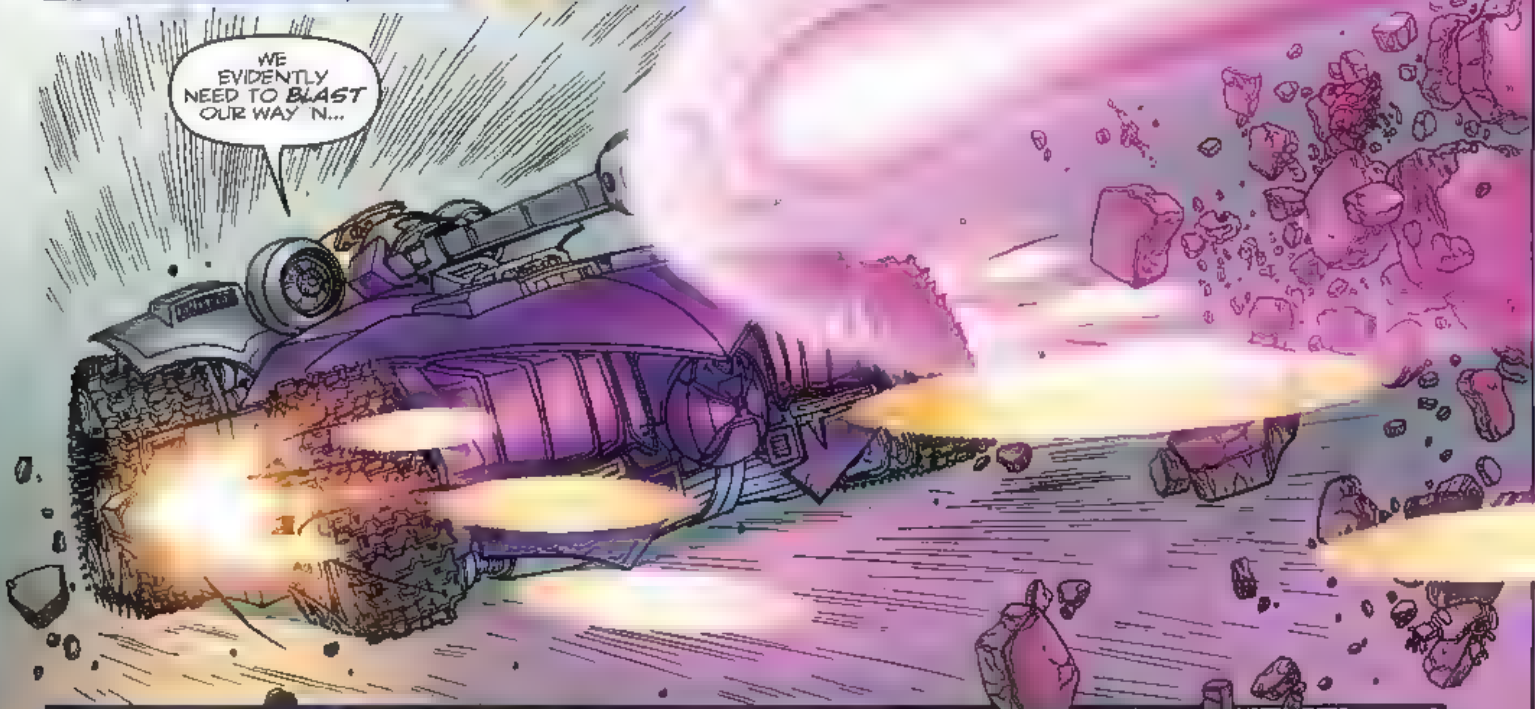
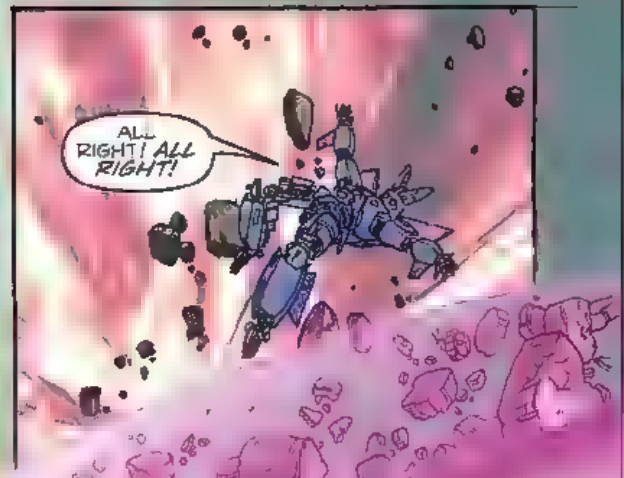
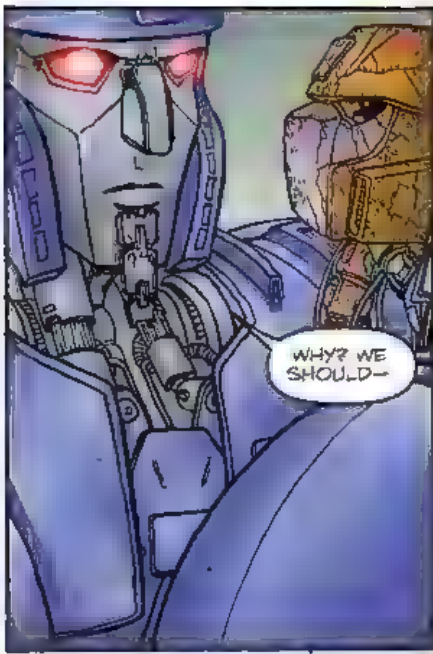


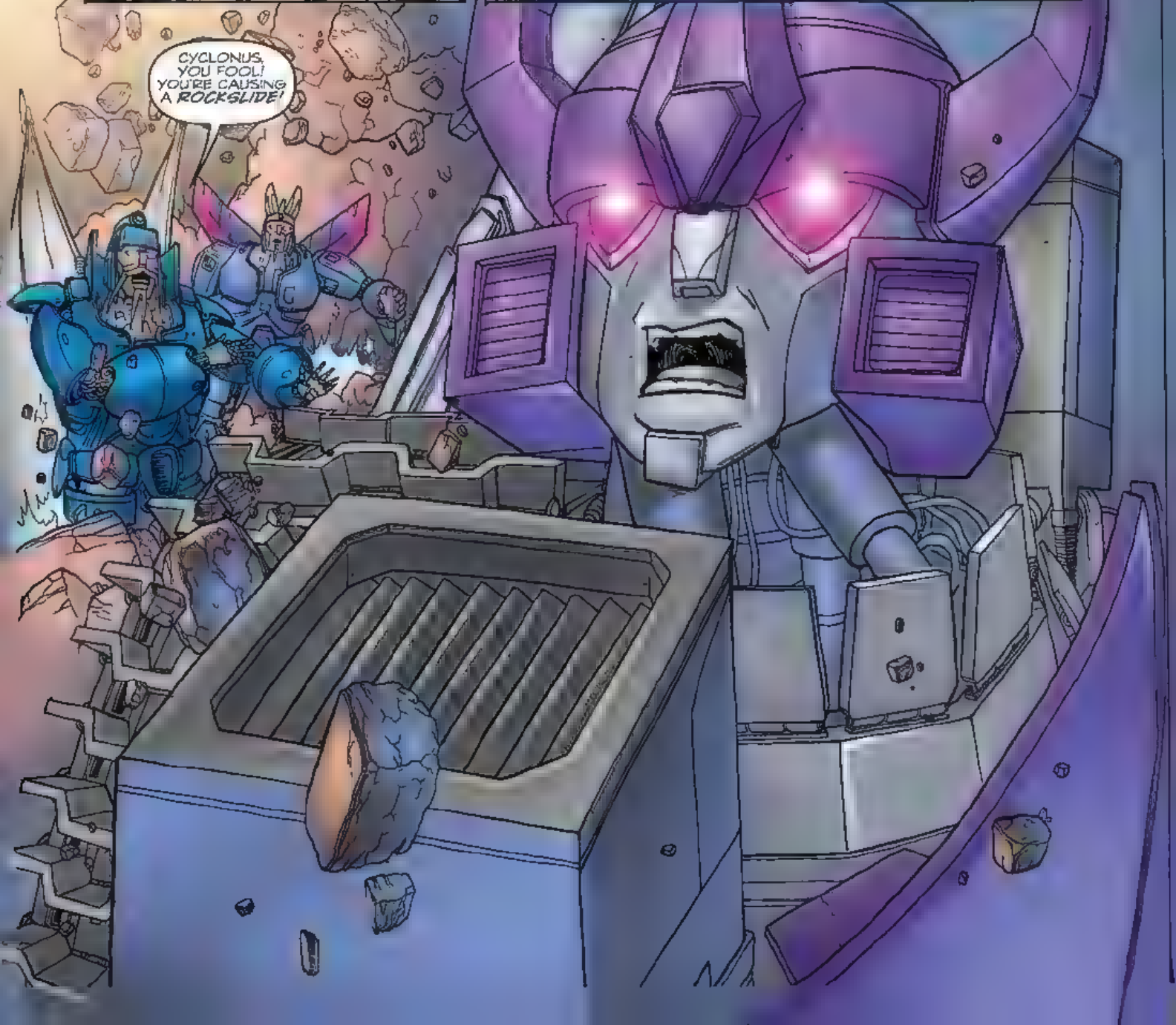
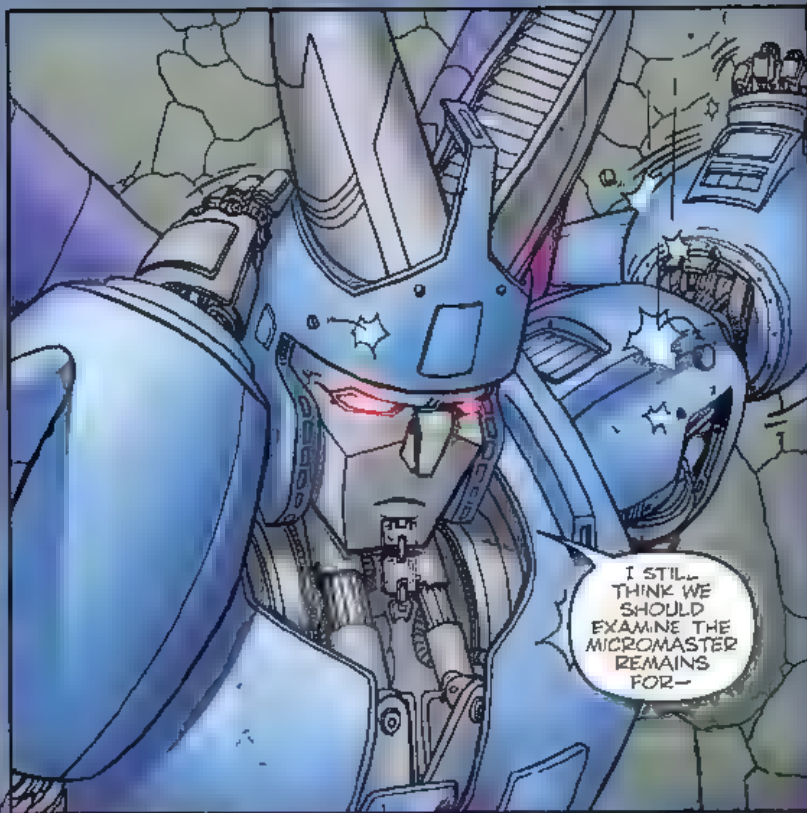
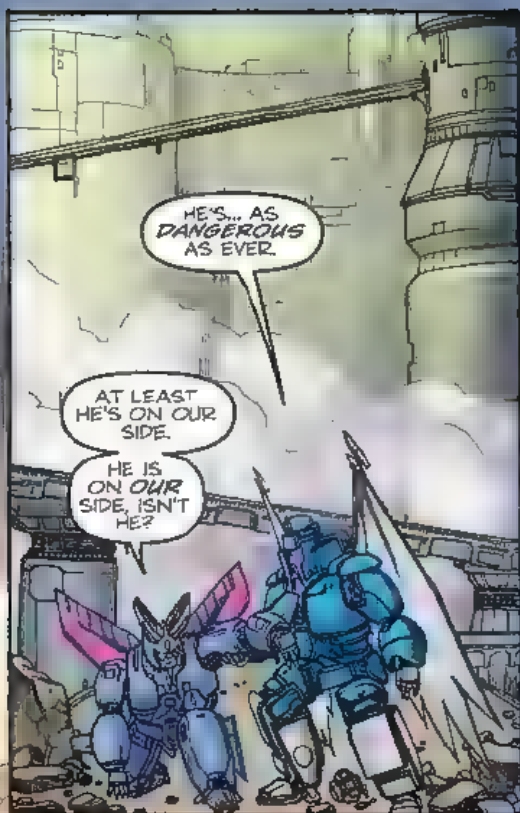
THEY DIDN'T UNDERSTAND
WHAT THEY MEANT. THEY
HARDLY CARED.

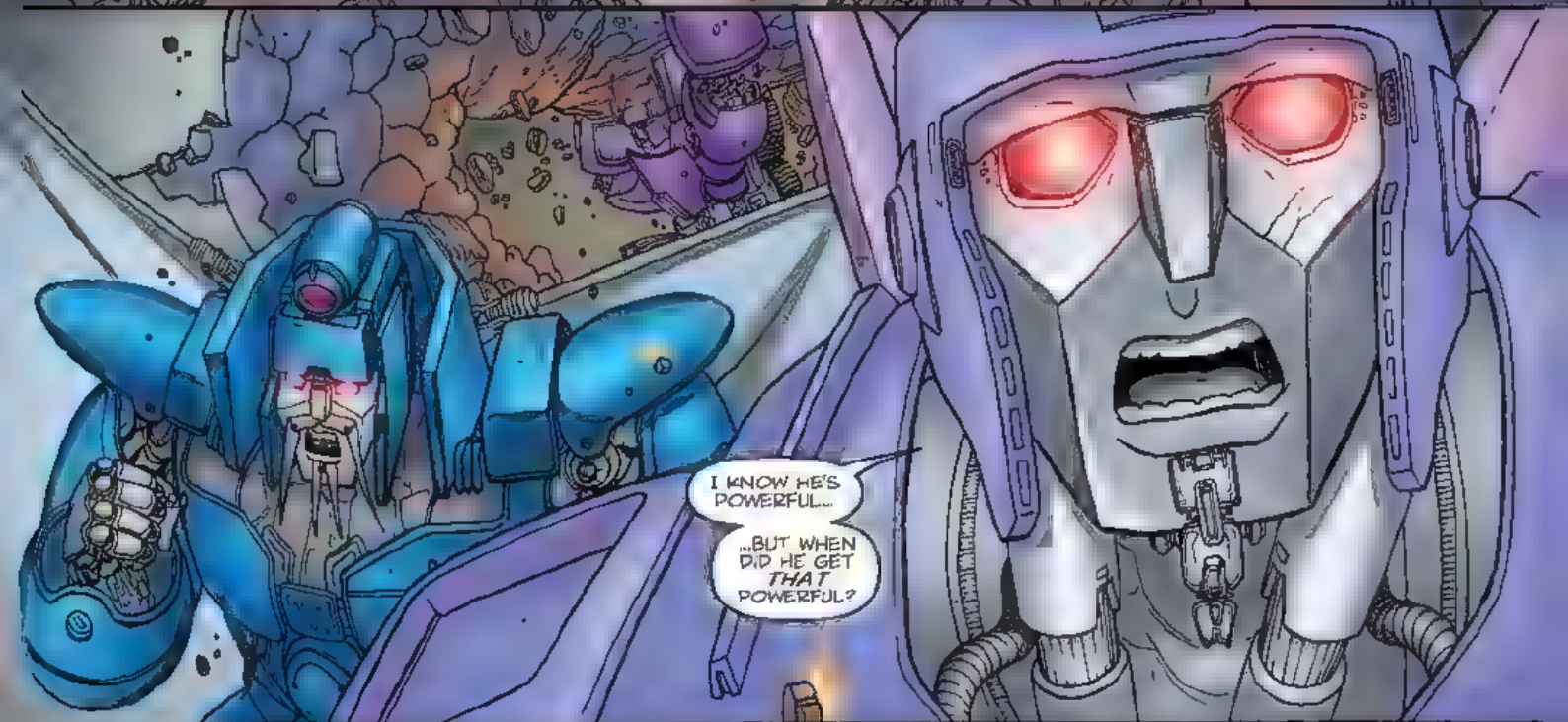
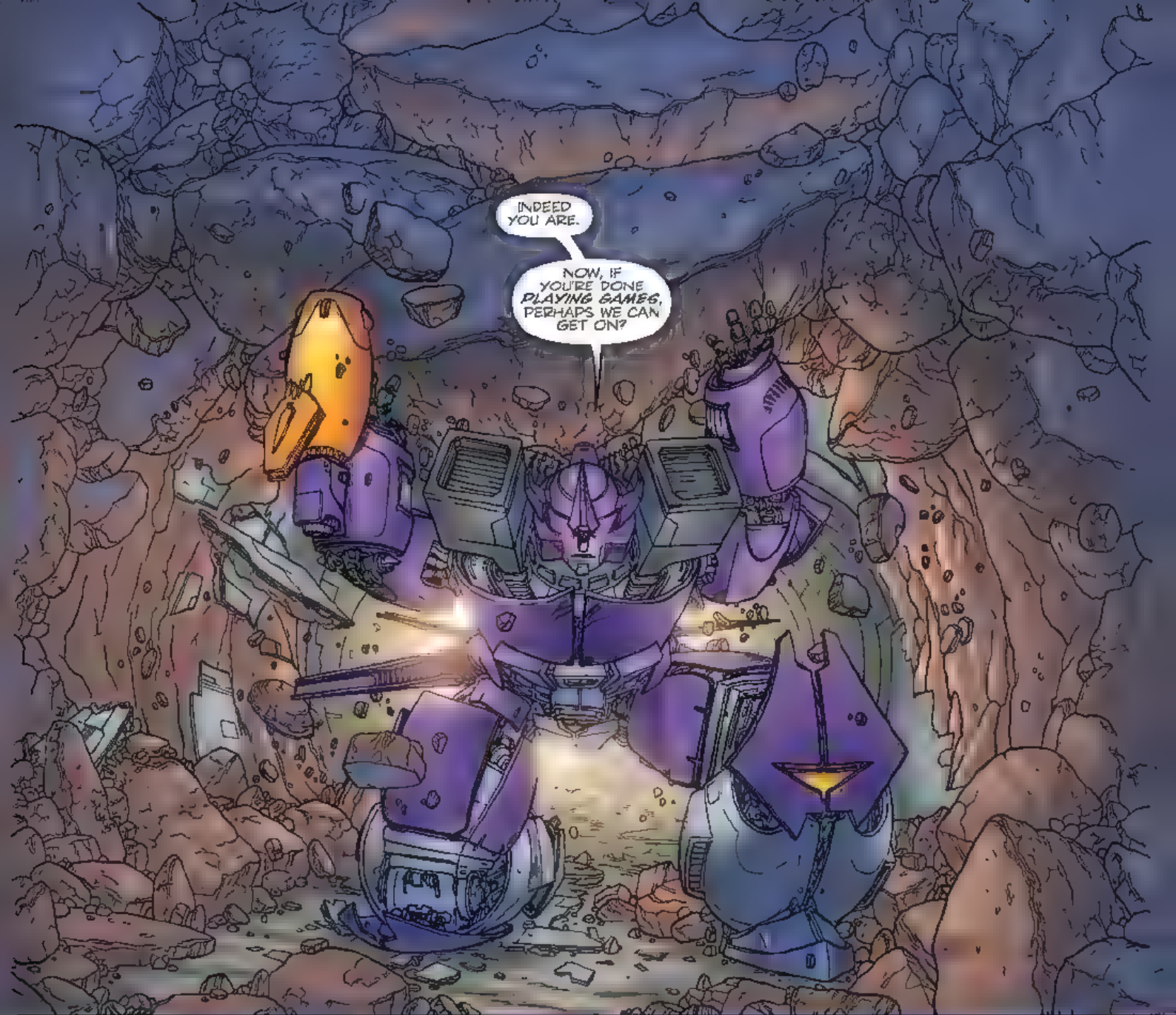
THE HEART OF DARKNESS,
ANTI-MATRIX OF A FORGOTTEN
UNIVERSE, HAD SUBORNED
THEM TO ITS WILL TOO.

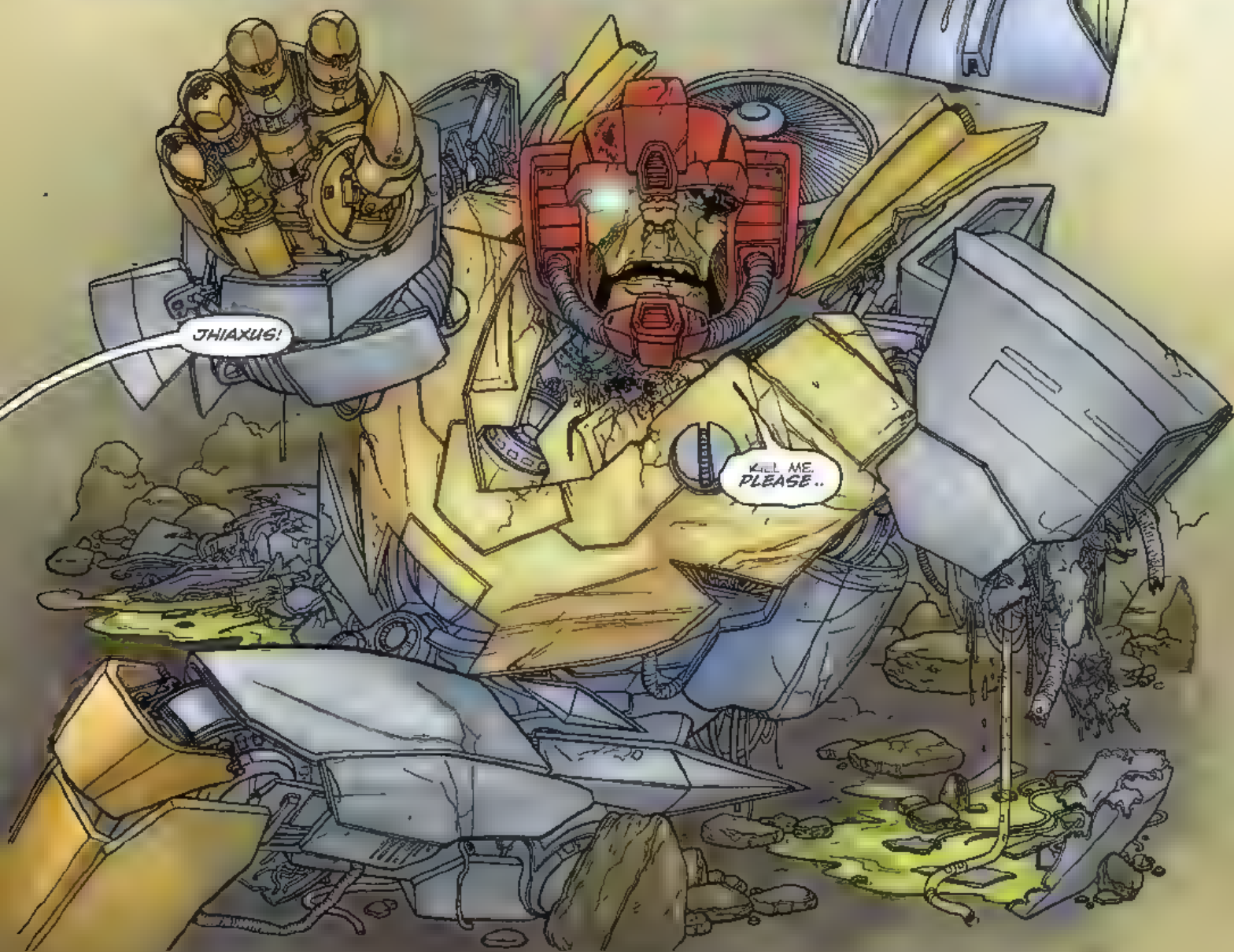
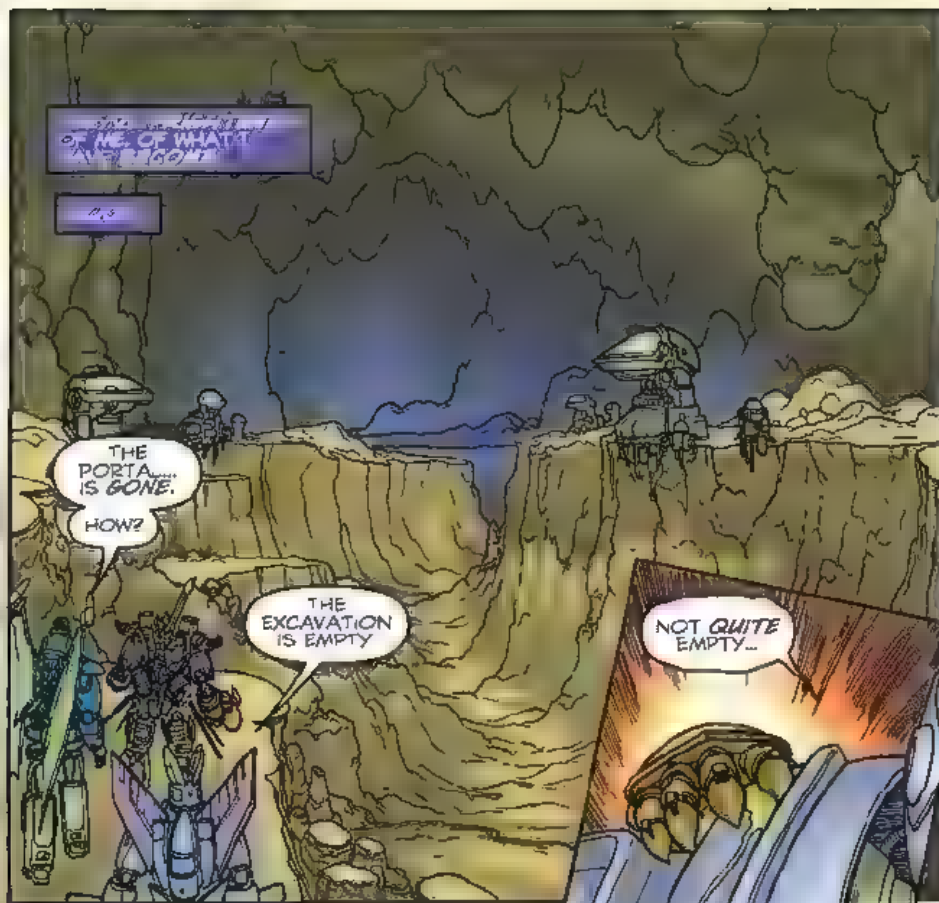
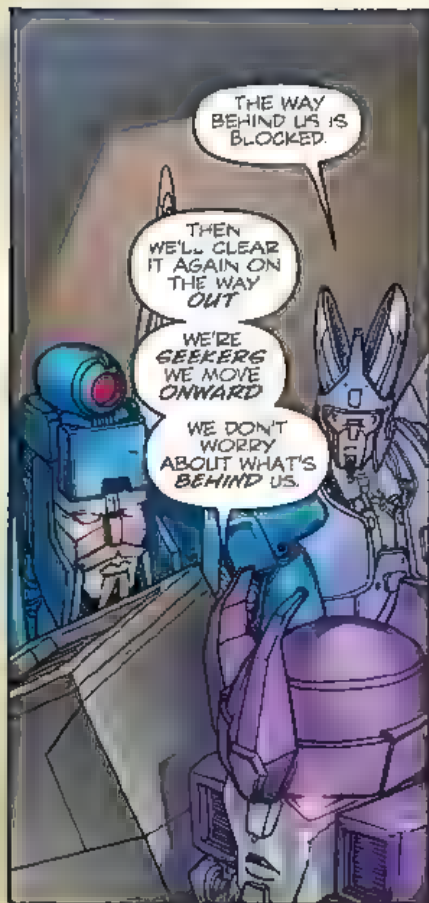
















YEARGE DID THIS TO
ME IT WAS PUNISHMENT
FOR THE CHANGES I
WROUGHT UPON HER.

YEARGE
SPENT EXACTLY
HER REVENGE.

THEN SHE AND HARDHEAD
VANISHED IN A FLASH OF
LIGHT, AND MY MEMORY
STOPPED RECORDING.

I DO NOT
KNOW WHAT
HAPPENED TO
THIS WORLD.

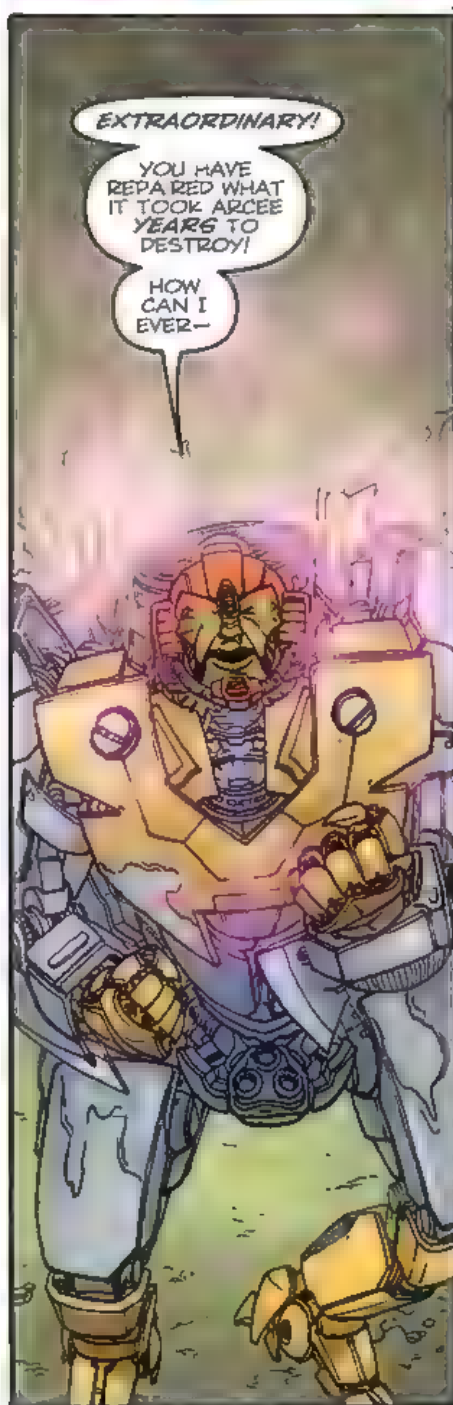
ALL I KNOW IS I
HAS BEEN YEARGE
SINCE WE LAST MET, AND
PAIN IS ALL THAT HAS
FILLED THOSE YEARS
FOR ME.



ASSEMBLE
HIS BROKEN
COMPONENTS.
PLACE THEM
NEAR H.M.



I WILL
REMAKE
HIM.



EXTRAORDINARY!

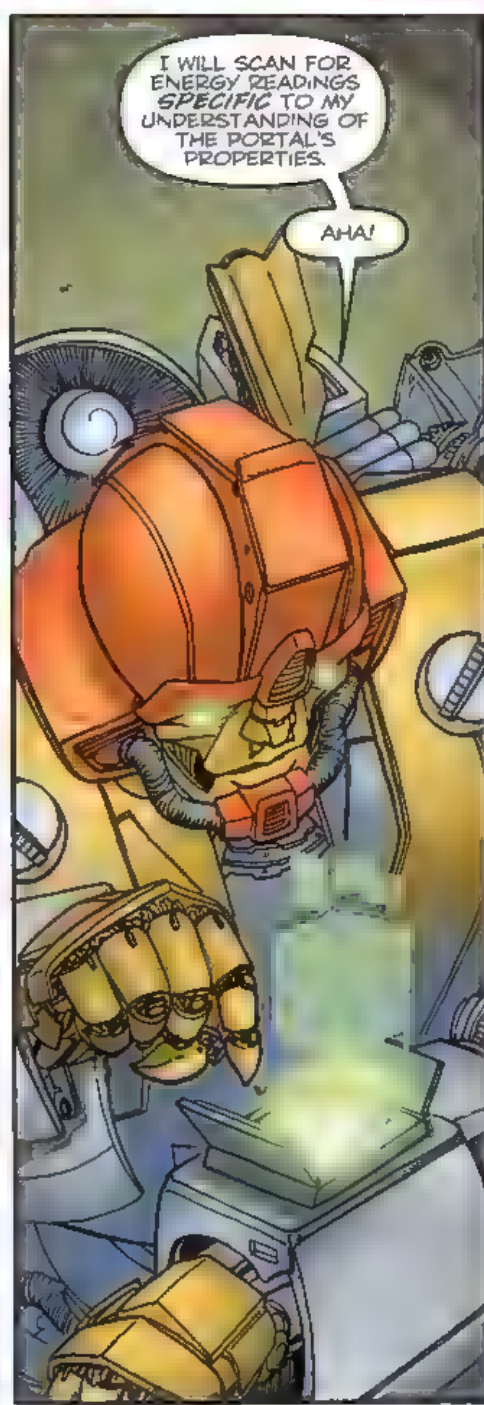
YOU HAVE
REPAIRED WHAT
IT TOOK ARCEE
YEARS TO
DESTROY!

HOW
CAN I
EVER—



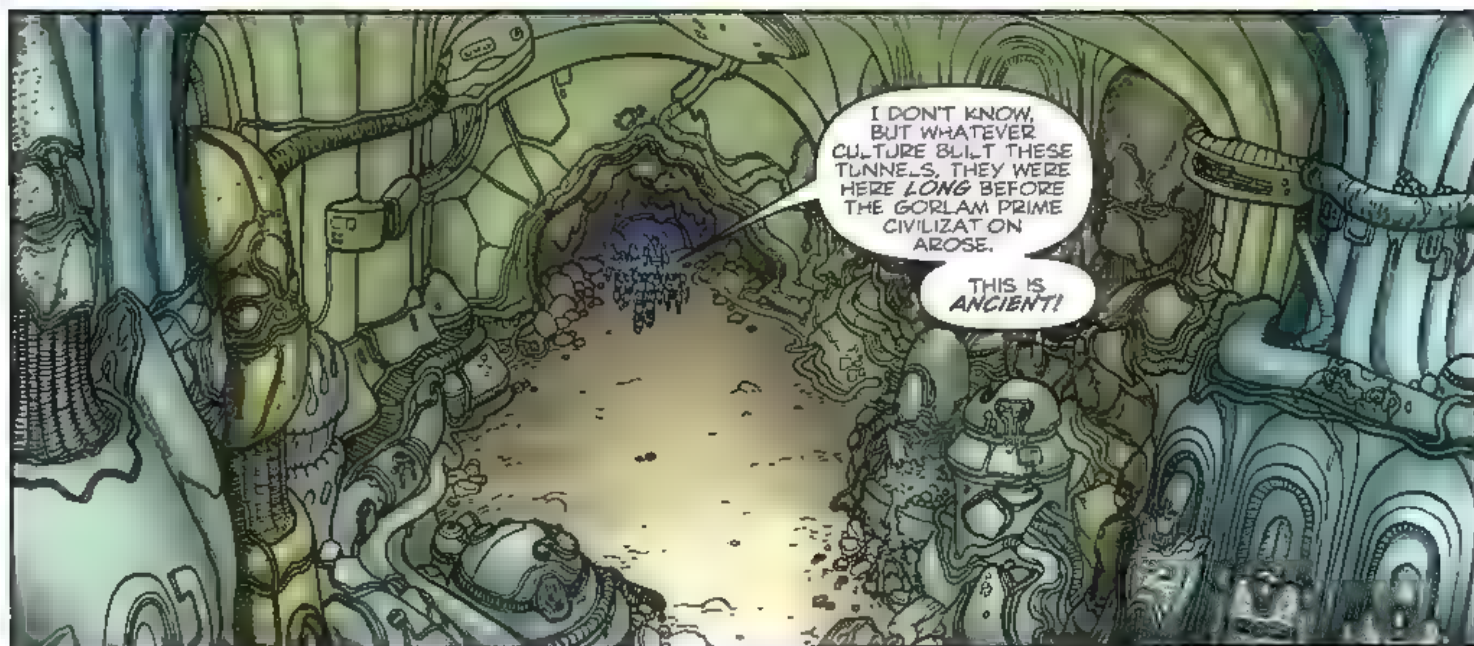
JUST
HELP ME
UNDERSTAND
WHAT
HAPPENED
HERE

HELP ME
FIND THE
PORTAL.



I WILL SCAN FOR
ENERGY READINGS
SPECIFIC TO MY
UNDERSTANDING OF
THE PORTAL'S
PROPERTIES.

AHA!





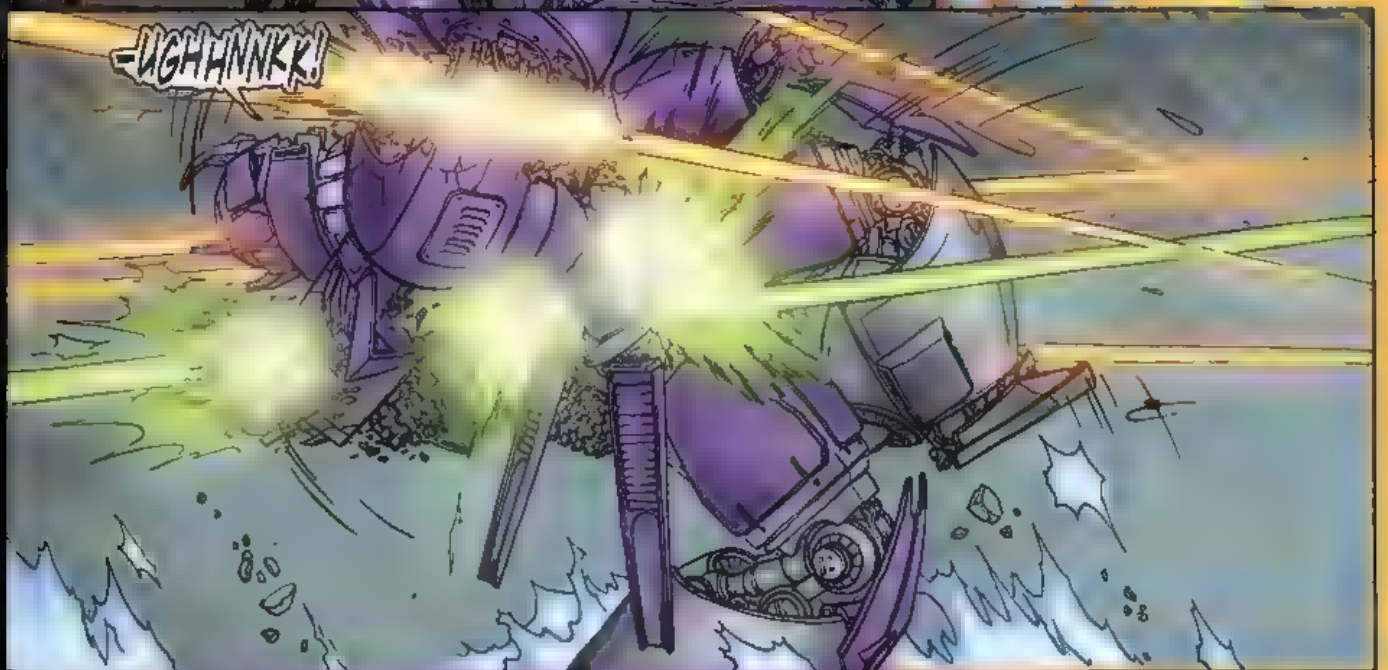
A
PORTAL!

ANOTHER
TRANS-DIMENSIONAL
GATE

NOT A
POOL THIS
TIME... A
SPHERE!

HURRY! WE
MUST FIND
OUT WHERE IT
LEADS...

...WE
MUST—





YOU MUST
DO NOTHING
EXCEPT DIE!

HIT THEM,
HARDHEAD!
DESTROY
THEM ALL!

TO BE CONTINUED...

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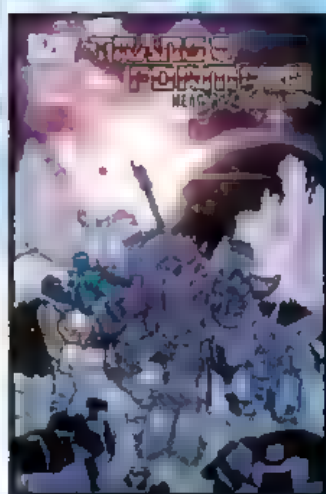
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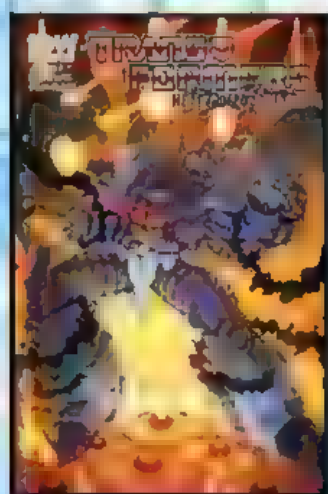
The story so far: After emerging from the solar pool where he was hurled to his death, Galvatron tracks down Cyclonus and Scourge and recruits them to his cause. Galvatron's Heart of Darkness leads him to Gorlam Prime, where they find the planet seemingly abandoned by all of its citizens. They make their way underground, where they find a forever-suffering Ihiexus in a terrible state ... but no one else. Finally, Galvatron and the others enter a room containing a large, mysterious sphere that glows in the darkness. As Galvatron reaches out for it... he is gunned down by Arcee and Hardhead, who have engaged in a surprise attack!

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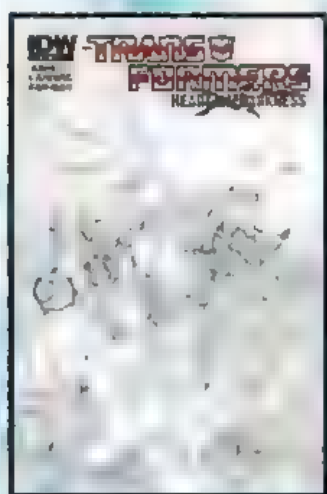
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ALL I CAME HERE FOR
WERE ANSWERS.

WHAT MYSTERIOUS
AND ABSOLUTE FATE
BEFELL THE PLANET
GORLAM PRIME?

HOW WAS THAT LINKED TO
THE GROWING MENACE OF
THE DEAD UNIVERSE?

WHAT PART DID MY NEW
TRANSFORMED STATE
PLAY IN THE STRUGGLE
AGAINST THAT MENACE?

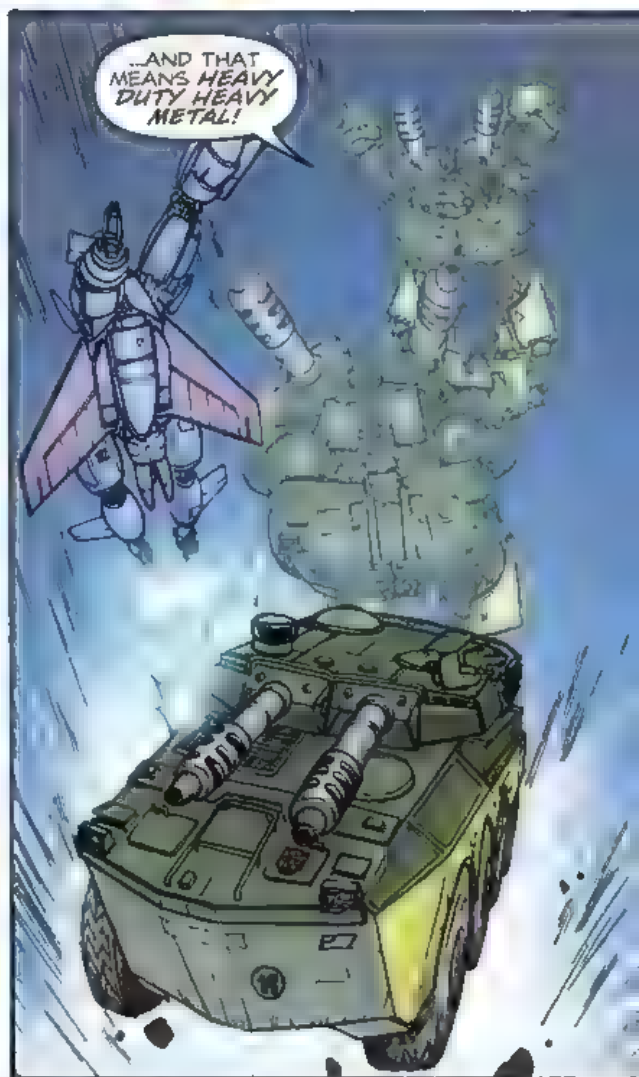
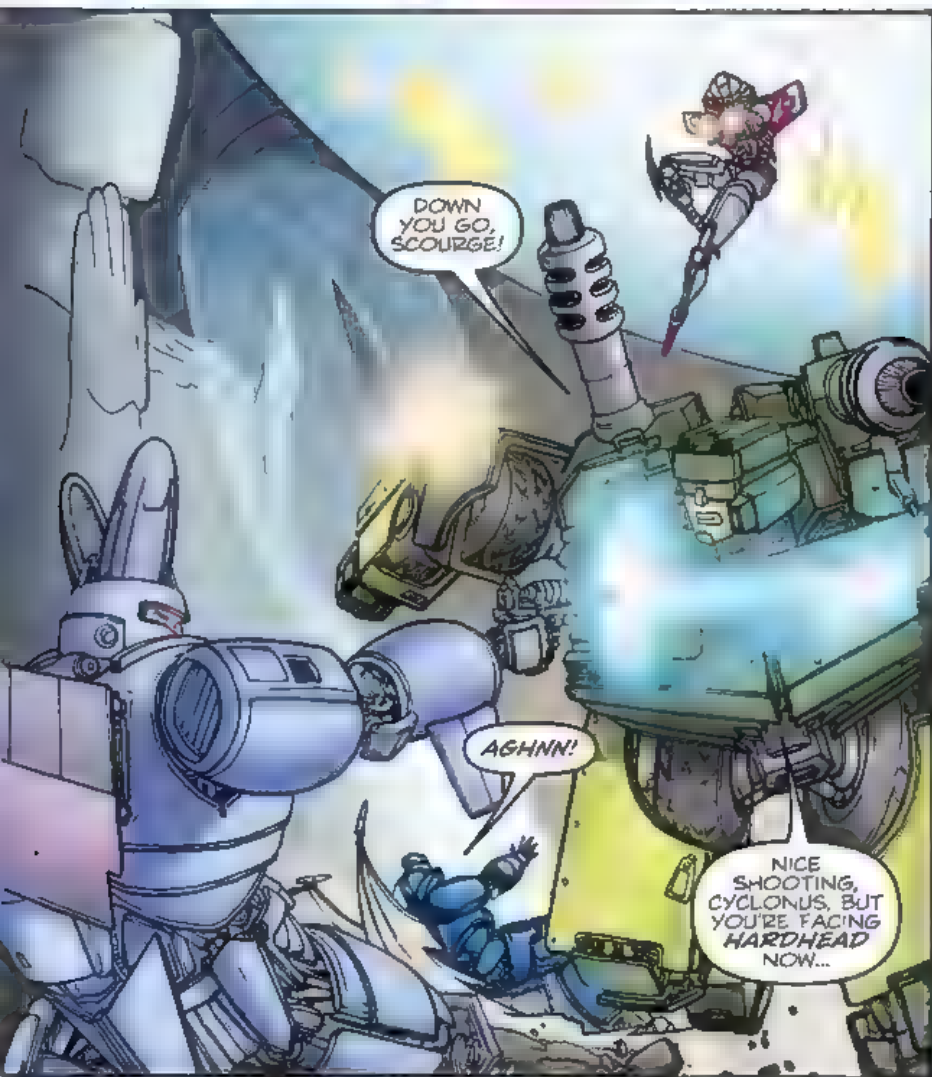
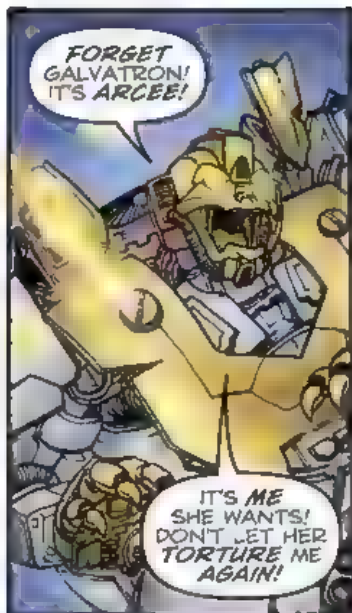
WHAT HAD
TRANSFORMED ME?

GALVATRON'S
DOWN!

IN THE SECRET
SUBTERRANEAN SHADOWS
OF GORLAM PRIME, WE HAD
DISCOVERED A SPHEROID
TRANS-DIMENSIONAL
PORTAL THAT PROMISED
TO YIELD ANSWERS TO ALL
OF THOSE QUESTIONS
AND MORE. BESIDE

BUT A SAVAGE AMBUSH BY
ARCEE AND HARDHEAD
LEFT ME STRICKEN AND
DYING ON THE VERY
BRINK OF REVELATION.







DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND?
SHE'S *INSANE!*
SHE'LL SLAUGHTER
US ALL!

NOT IMMEDIATELY.
PAYBACK
FIRST

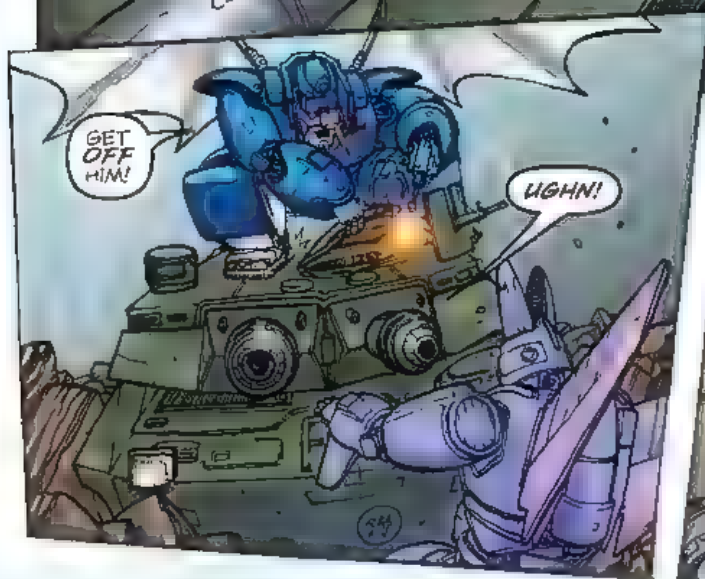
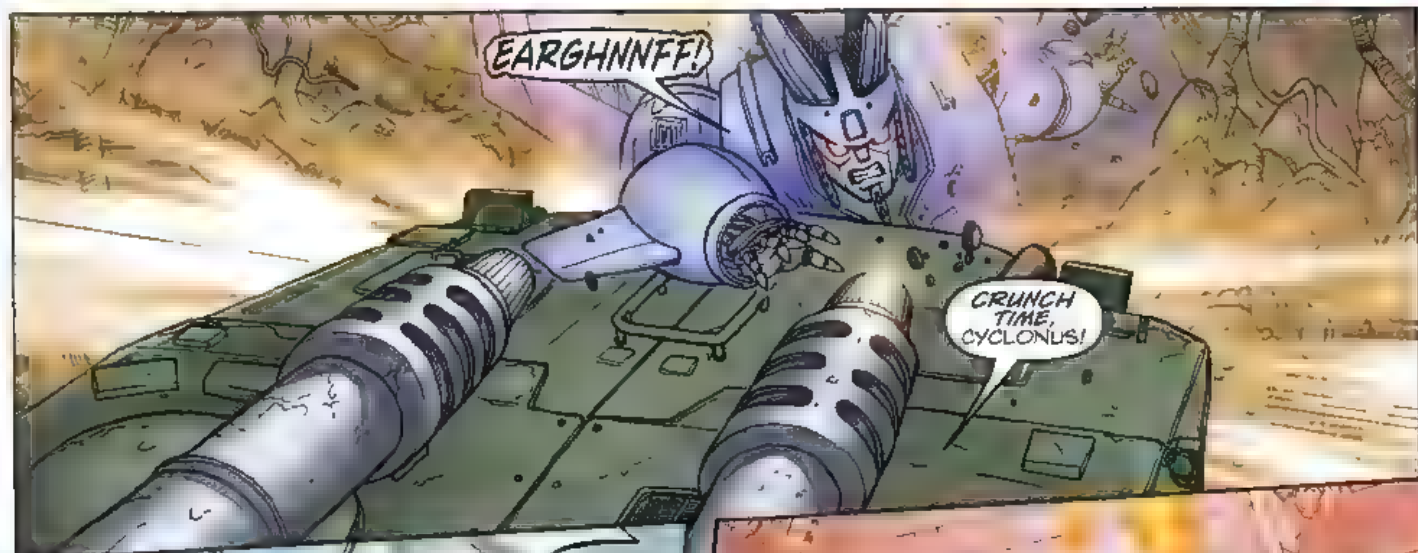
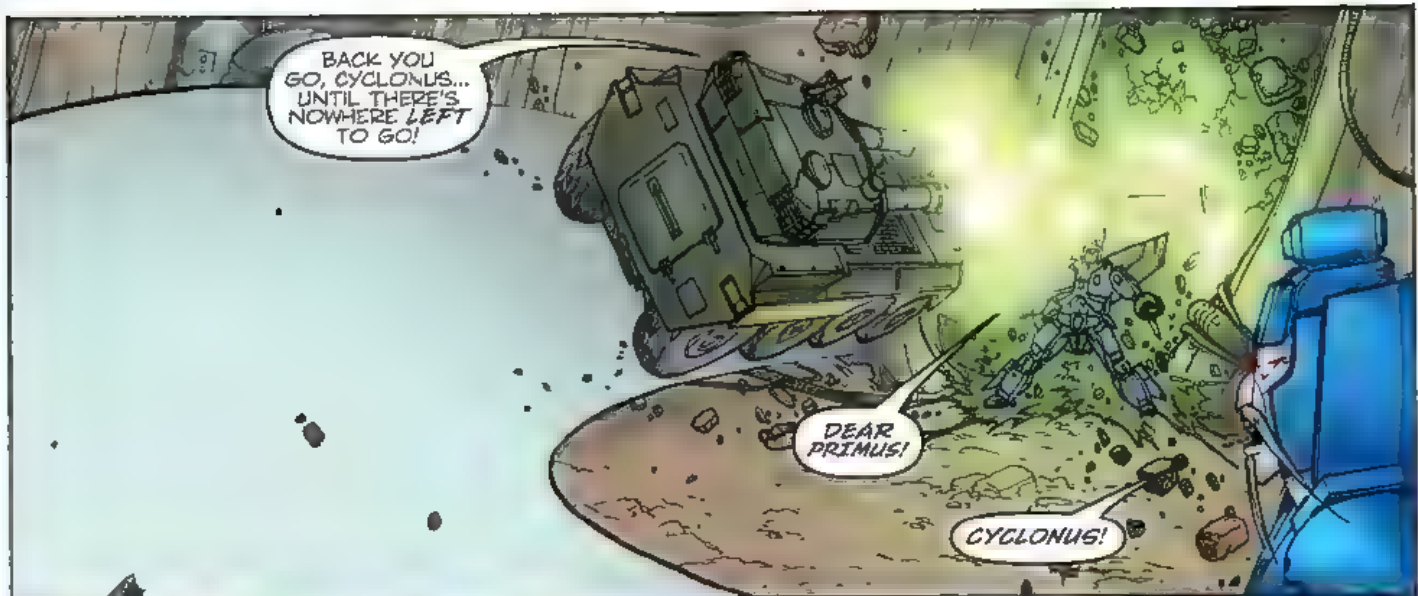
EAAARRGGHH!
MY HAND!
MY HAND!

GREAT PRIMUS!
SHE'S SO FAST!

TKOW

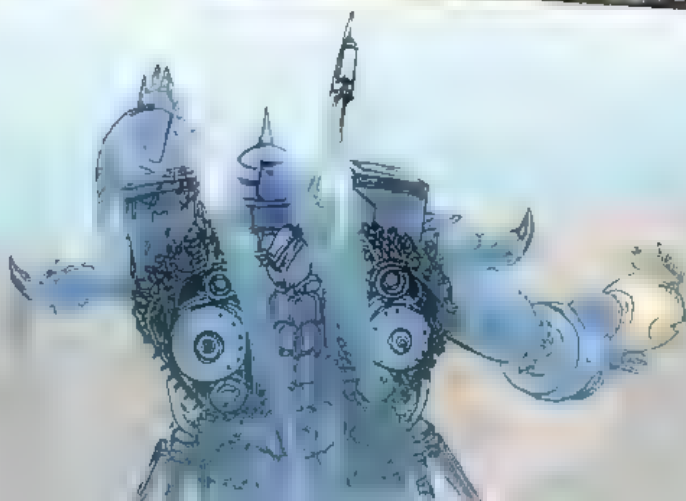
WE'VE FINISHED
SECOND. SECOND.
HEY! ALL OVER US!

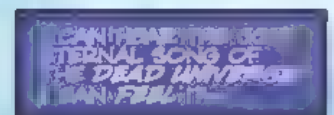
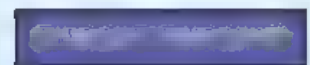
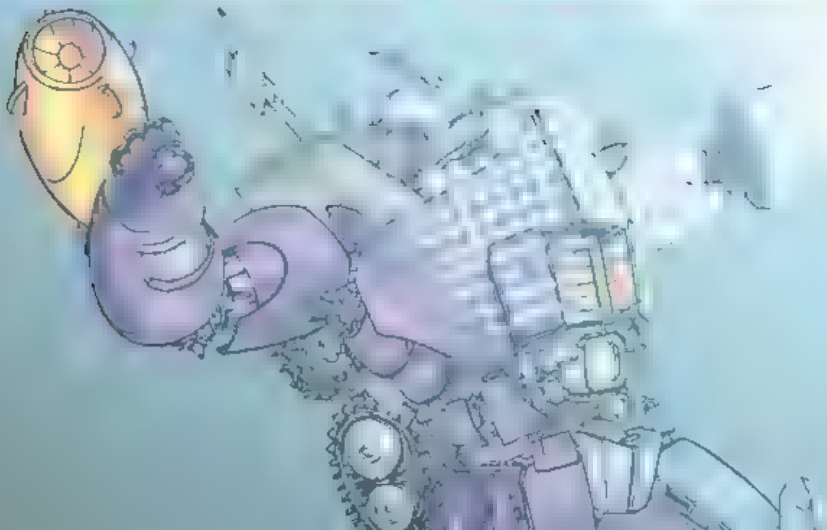
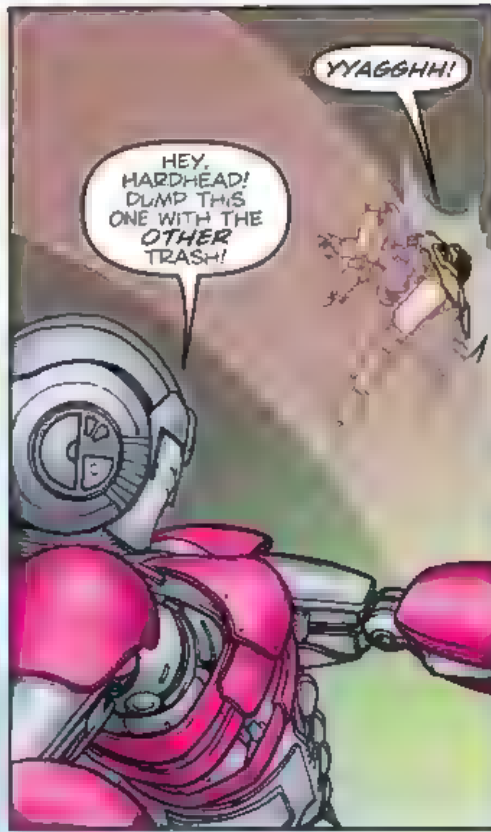
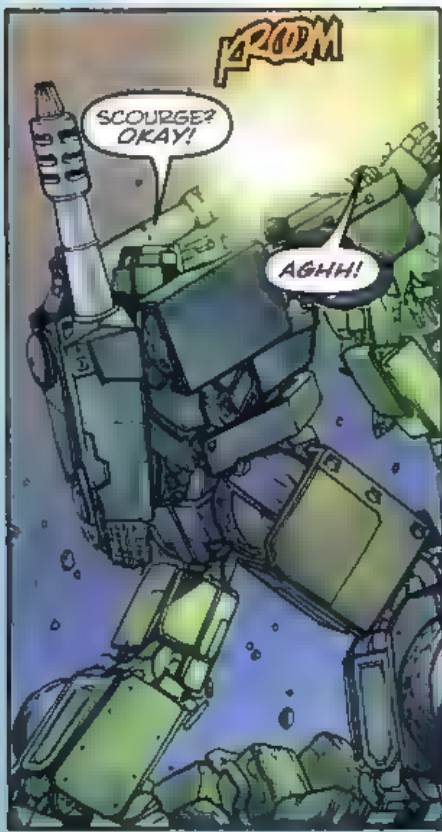
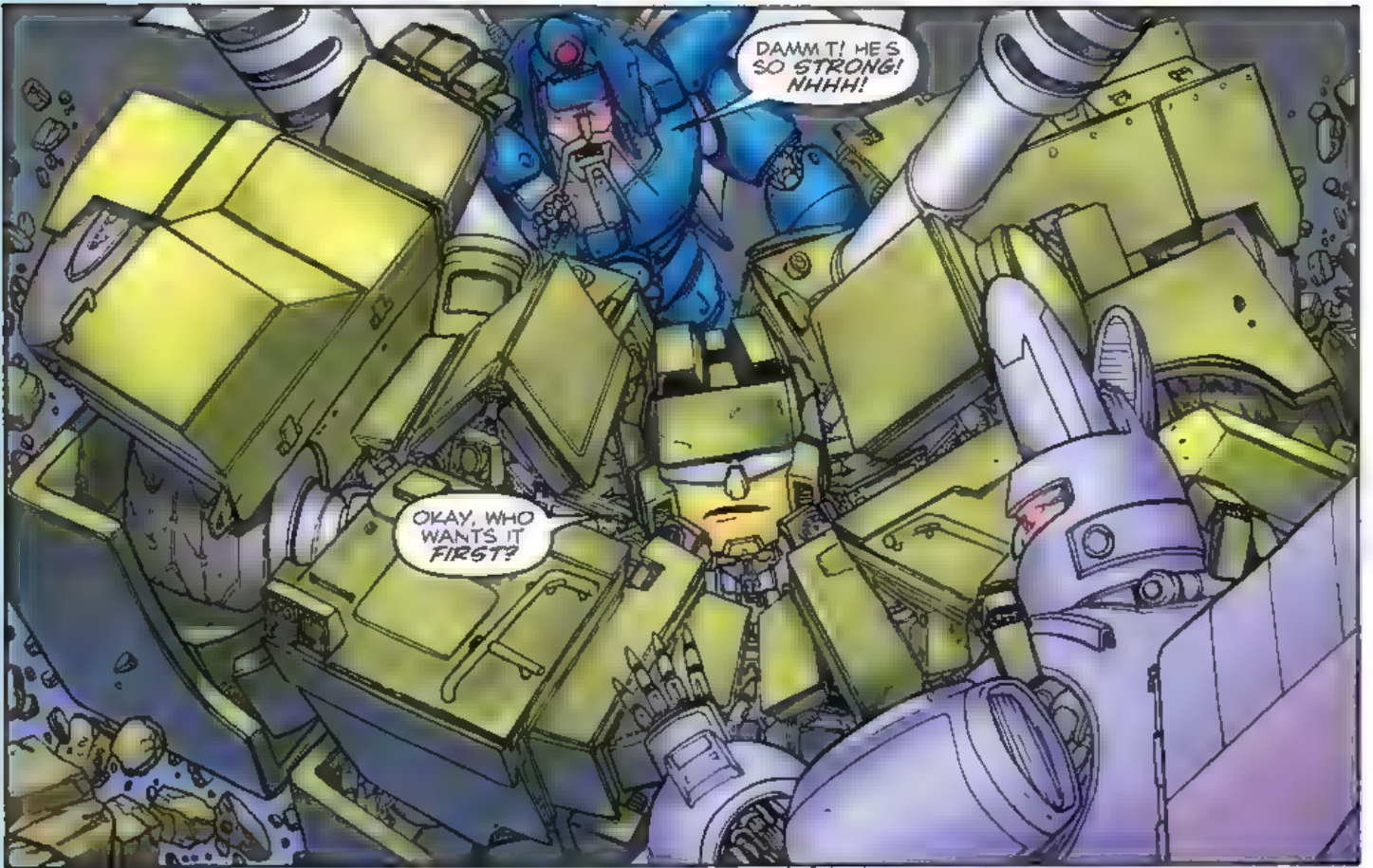
MUST RECOVER
MYSELF. RECOVER
BACK.



THE PORTAL
SPHERE... IT'S MY
ONLY CHANCE

IF I CAN ACCESS
IT, I CAN TAP MORE
POWER FROM THE
DEAD UNIVERSE



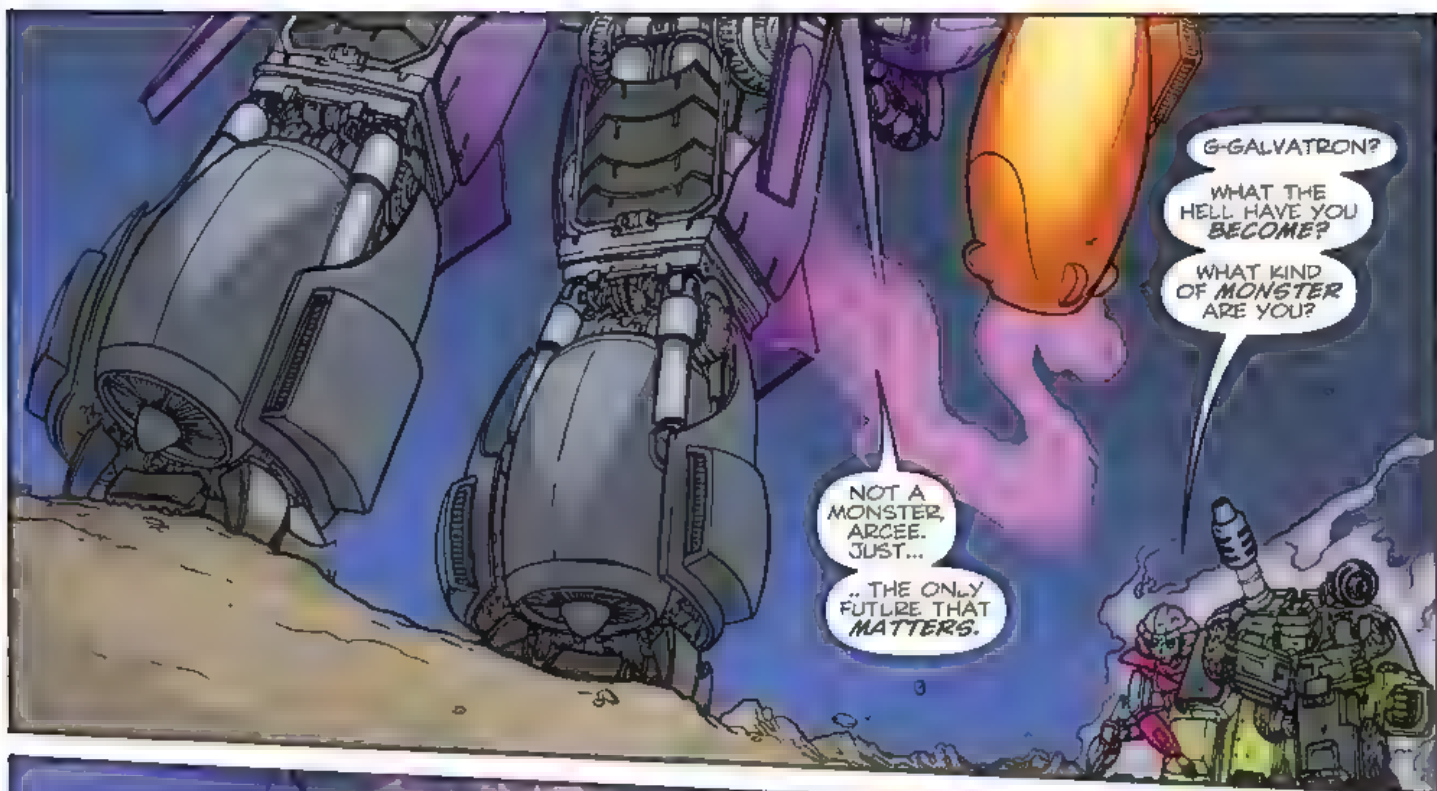


LEAVE MY
SEEKERS
ALONE.

NOW.

UGHNN!
HOW-?

AGHH!



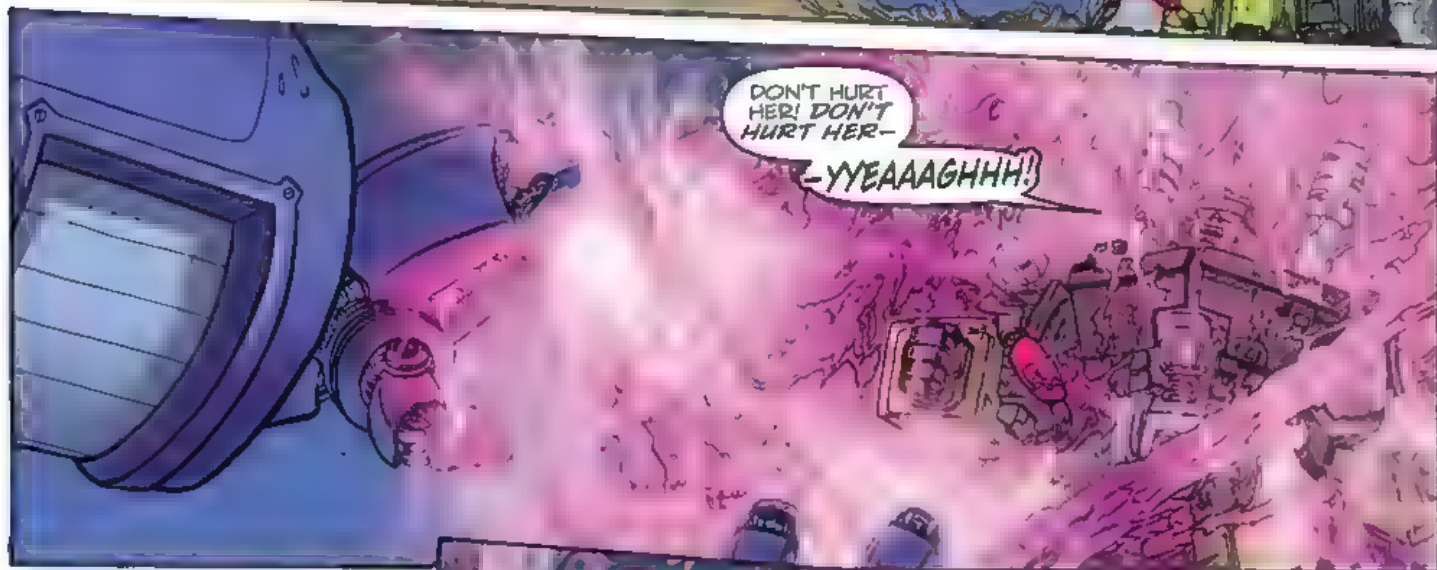
G-GALVATRON?

WHAT THE HELL HAVE YOU BECOME?

WHAT KIND OF MONSTER ARE YOU?

NOT A MONSTER, ARCEE. JUST...

.. THE ONLY FUTURE THAT MATTERS.



DON'T HURT HER! DON'T HURT HER-

-YYEAAAGHHH!



ARCEE! GO! GO!

YOU GOTTA GET OFF THIS ROCK AND WARN THE AUTOBOTS!

YOU GOTTA TELL THEM GALVATRON IS-

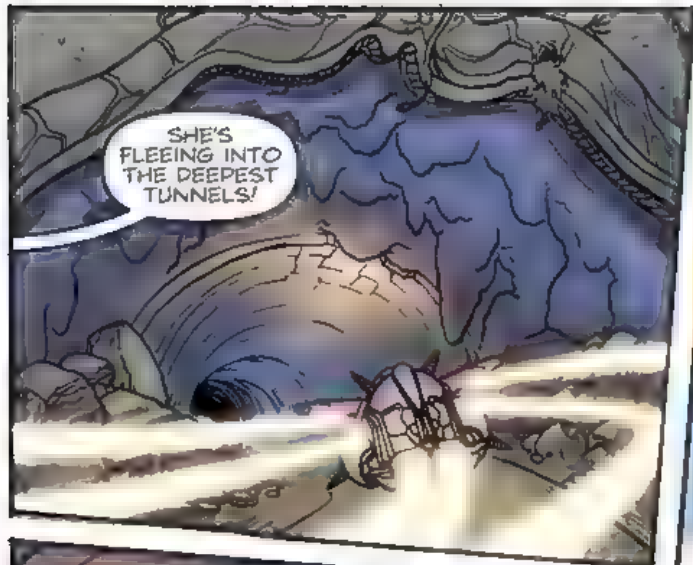
-NYAAAGHH!

B-BUT, HARDHEAD-

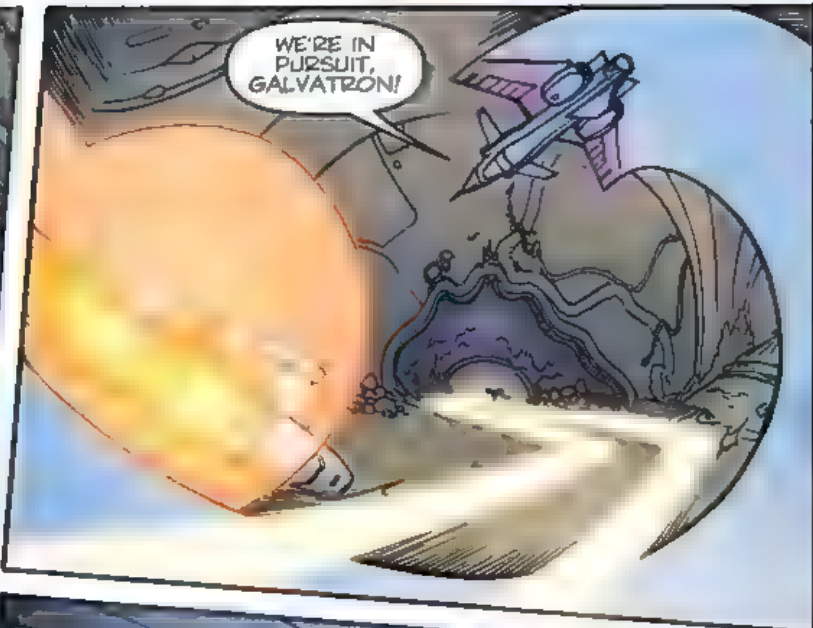
GO!

SHE'S RUNNING!

STOP HER. BRING HER DOWN



SHE'S
FLEEING INTO
THE DEEPEST
TUNNELS!



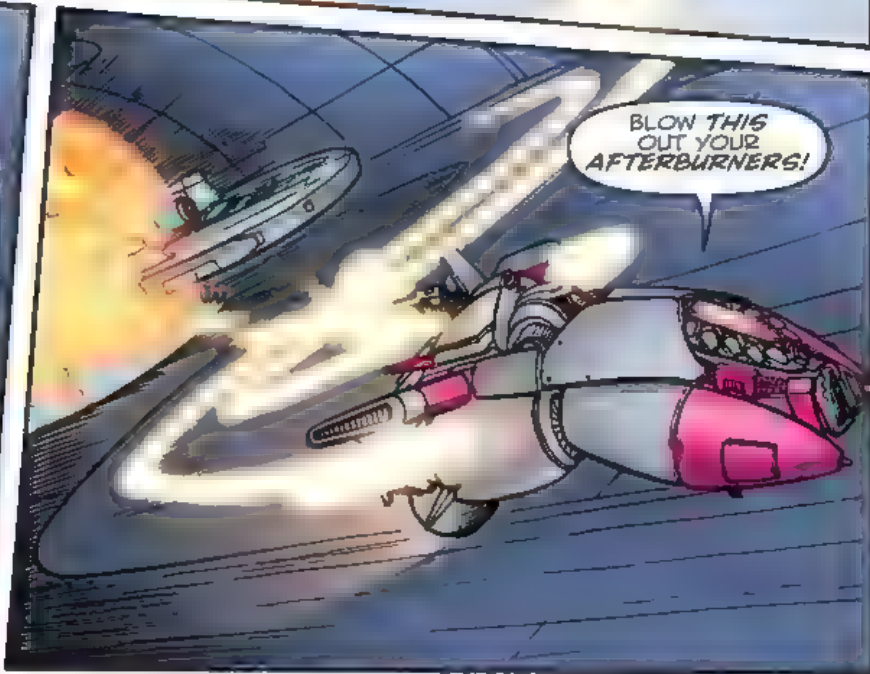
WE'RE IN
PURSUIT,
GALVATRON!



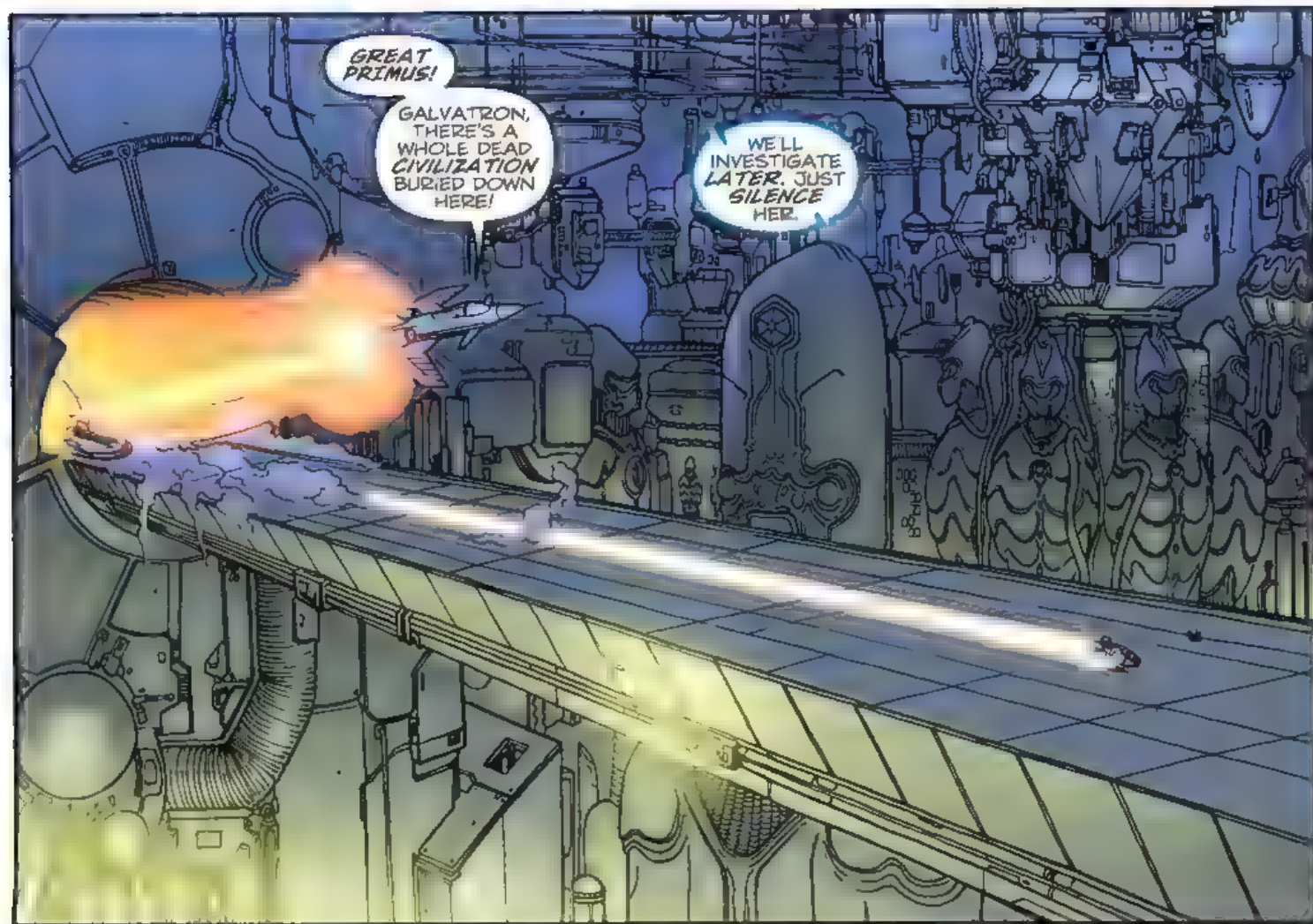
SHE'S
REALLY
MOVING!

NO MATTER.
TARGET LOCK
ESTABLISHED.

BLOW HER
OFF THE
ROAD!



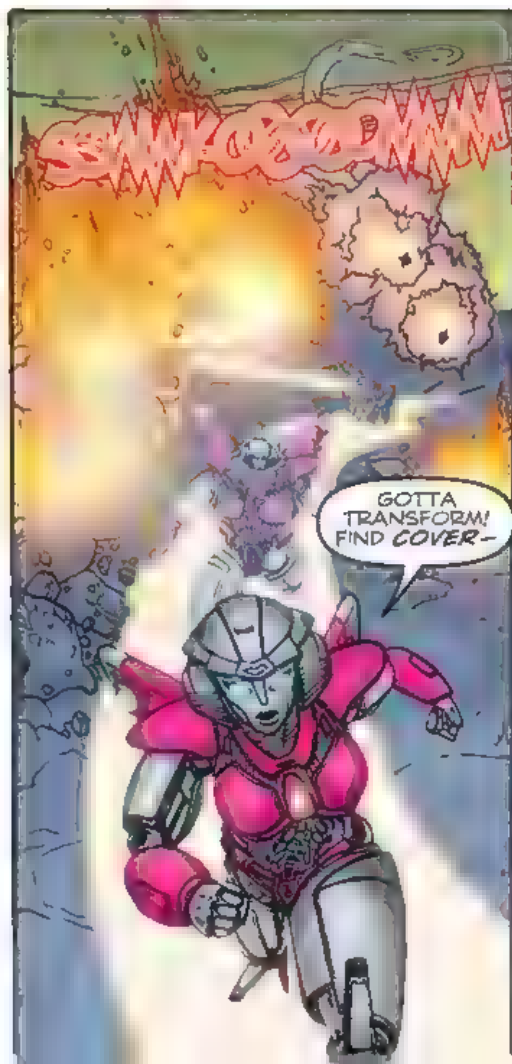
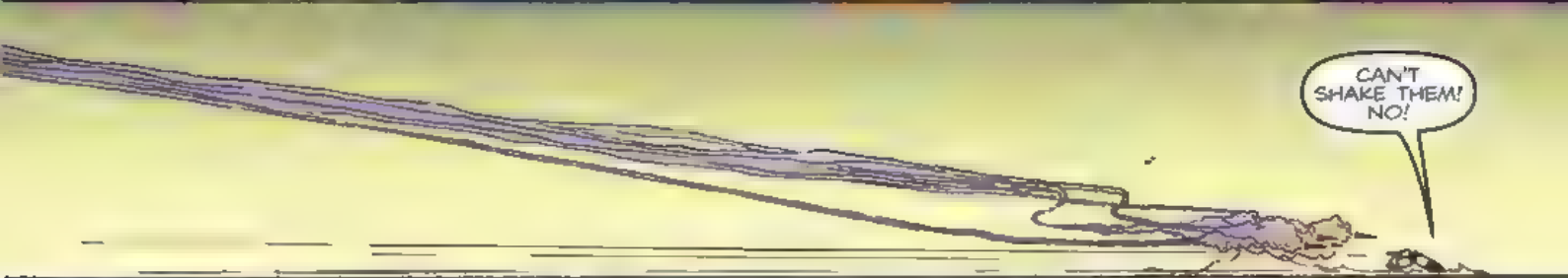
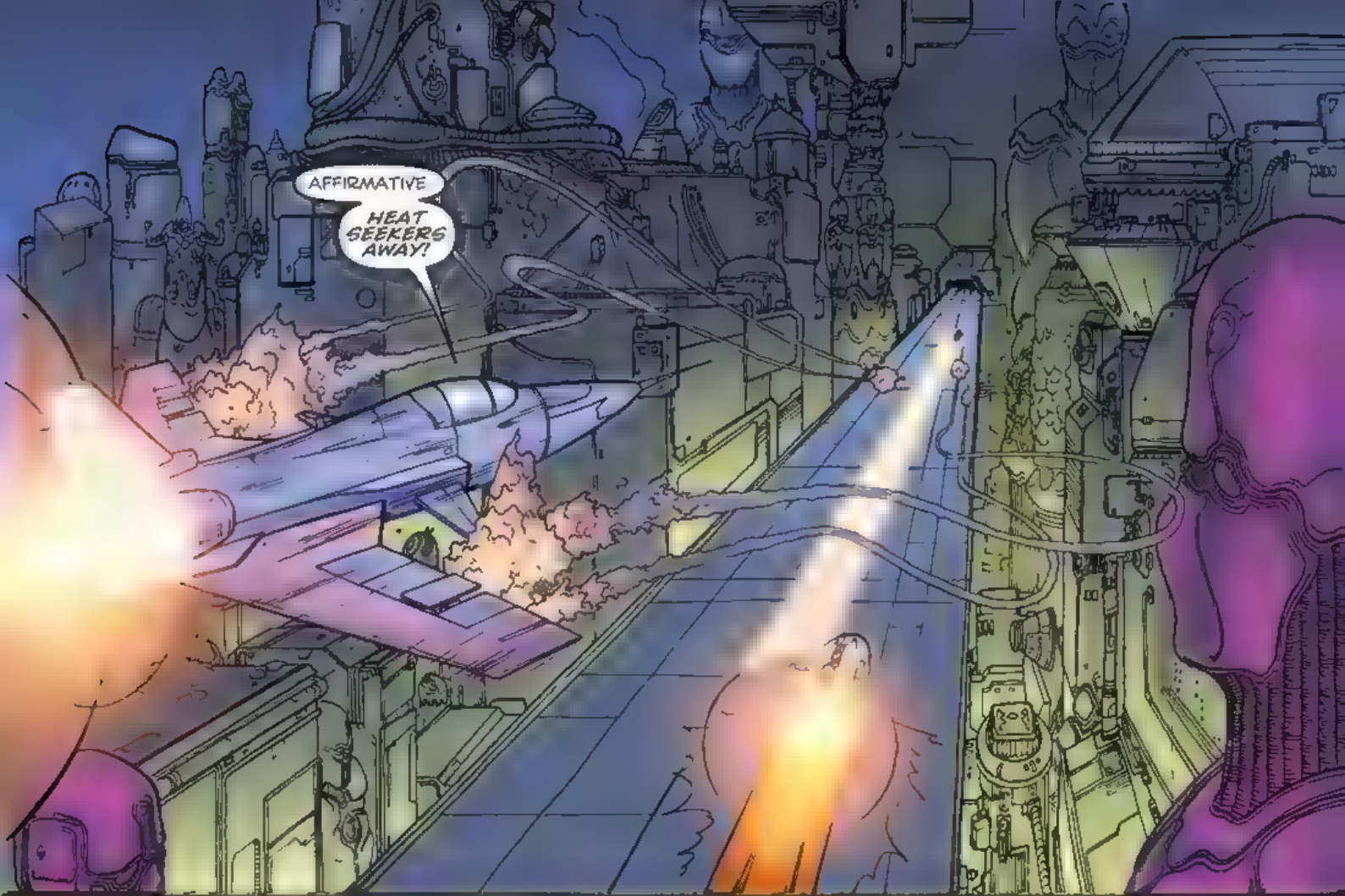
BLOW THIS
OUT YOUR
AFTERBURNERS!

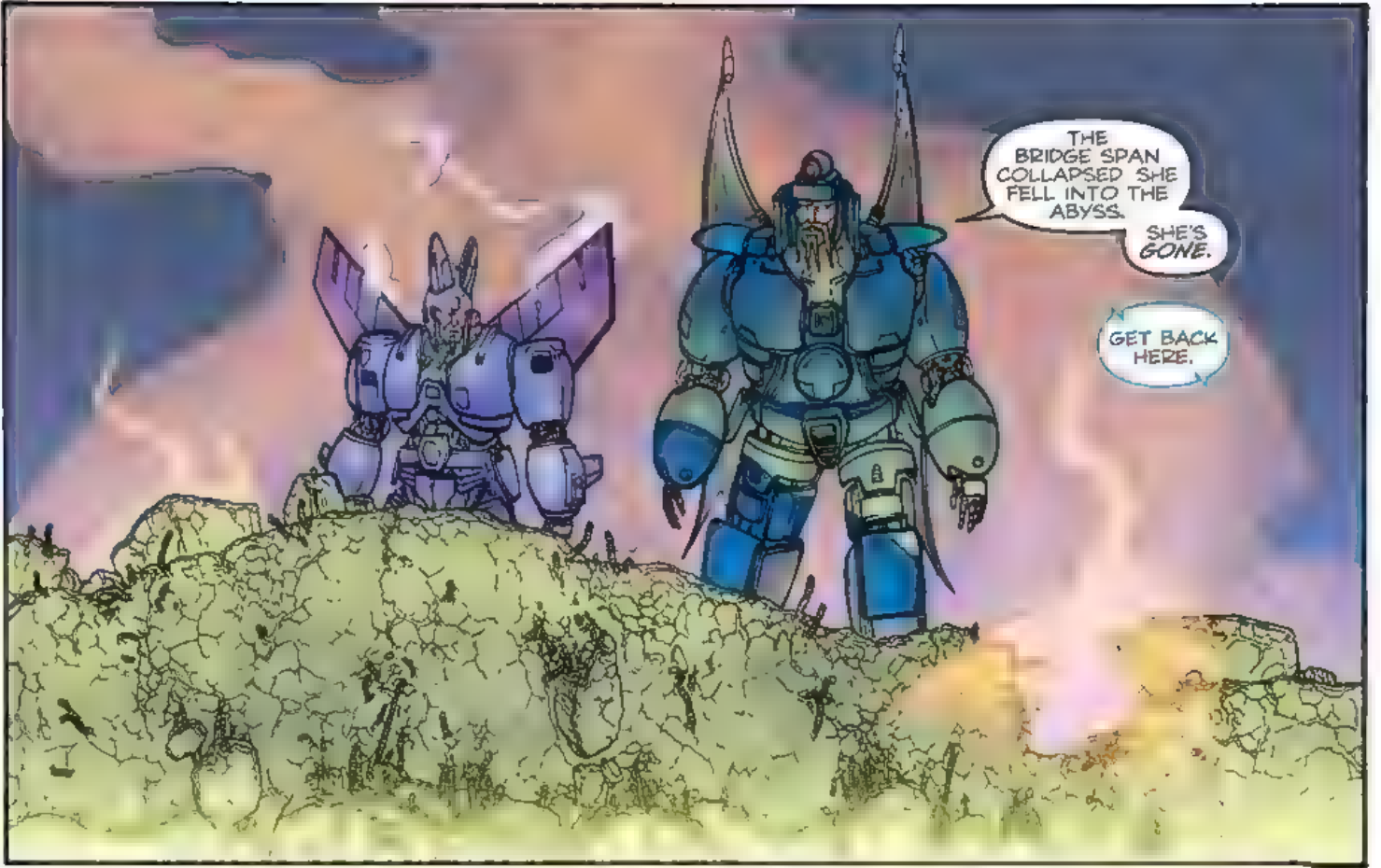


GREAT
PRIMUS!

GALVATRON,
THERE'S A
WHOLE DEAD
CIVILIZATION
BURIED DOWN
HERE!

WE'LL
INVESTIGATE
LATER. JUST
SILENCE
HER.





THE
BRIDGE SPAN
COLLAPSED SHE
FELL INTO THE
ABYSS.

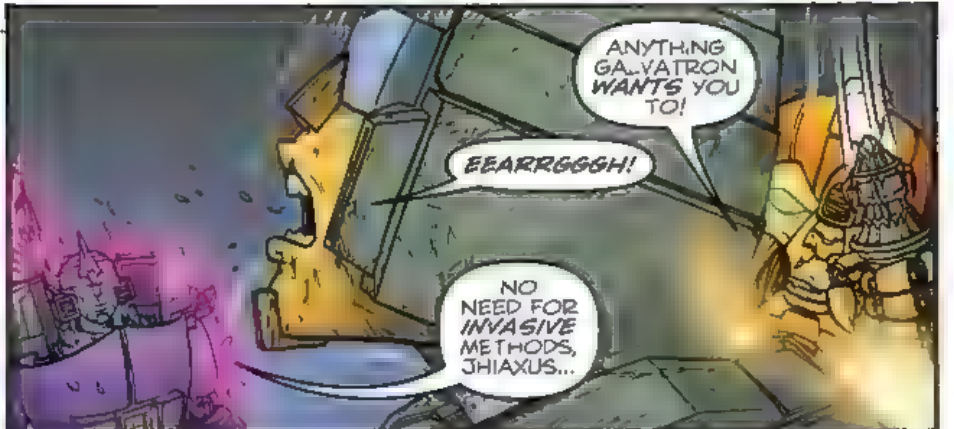
SHE'S
GONE.

GET BACK
HERE.



A-ABOUT
WHAT?

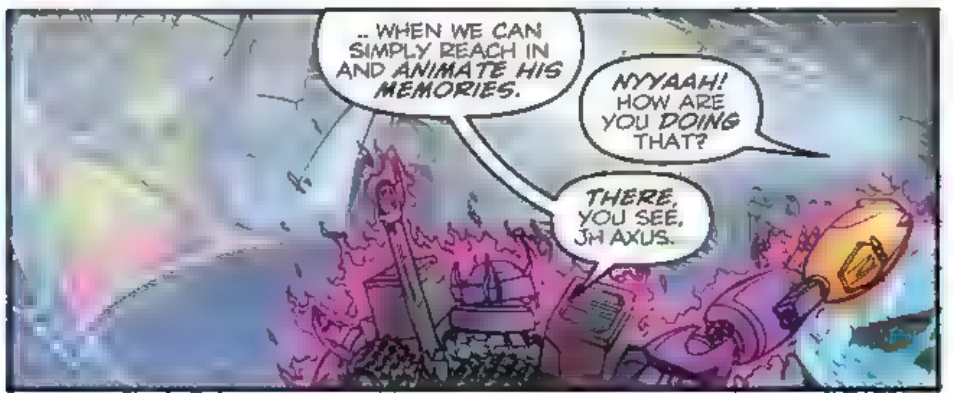
START
TALKING,
HARDHEAD.



ANYTHING
GALVATRON
WANTS YOU
TO!

EEARRGGGH!

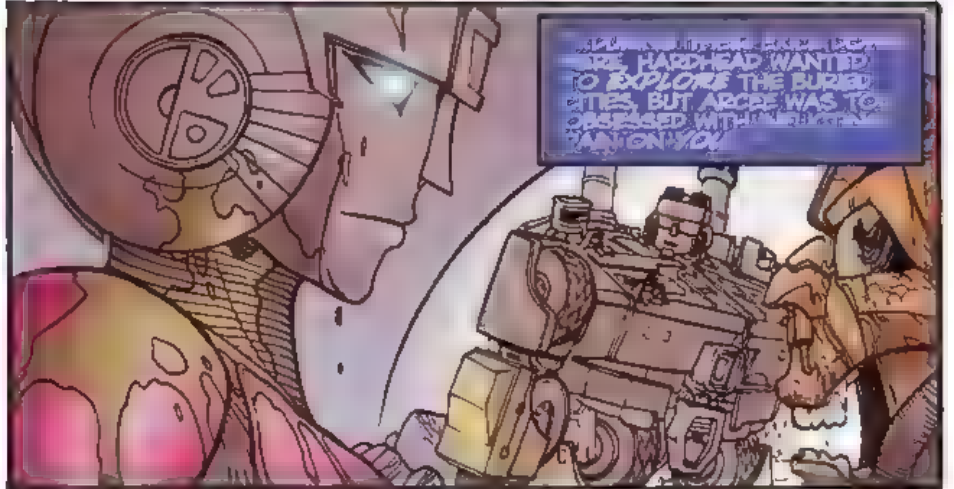
NO
NEED FOR
INVASIVE
METHODS,
JHIAXUS...



... WHEN WE CAN
SIMPLY REACH IN
AND ANIMATE HIS
MEMORIES.

NYAAAH!
HOW ARE
YOU DOING
THAT?

THERE,
YOU SEE,
JH AXUS.



ALL THE WHILE, GALVATRON
WANTED TO EXPLORE THE BURIED
CITIES, BUT ARCADE WAS TOO
OBSESSED WITH HIS
TASTY ON-YOU

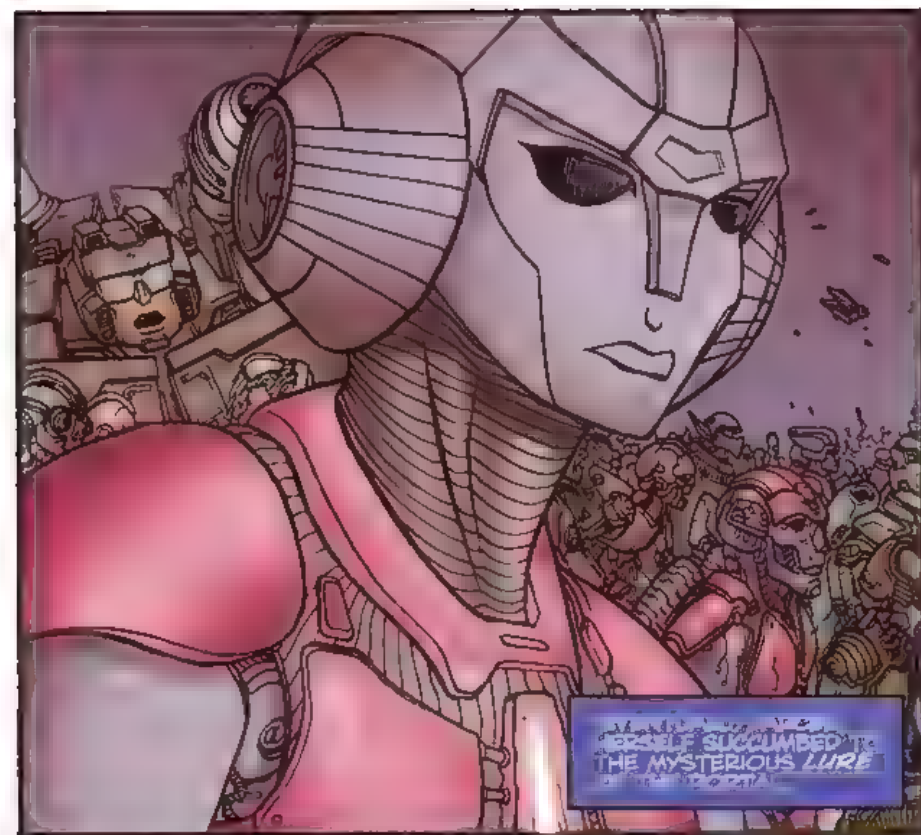
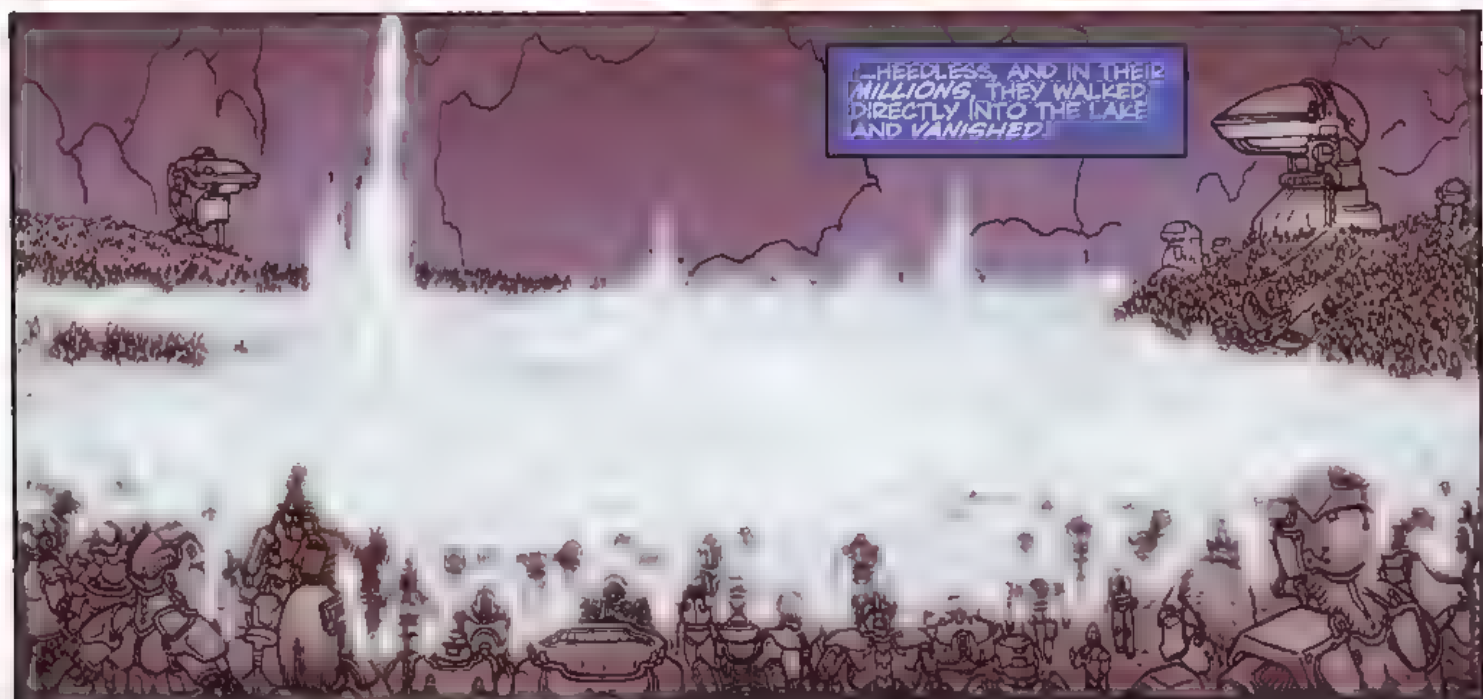
UNTIL THE ORIGINAL
PORTAL LAKE BEGAN
TO SHOW SUDDEN
SIGNS OF ACTIVITY.



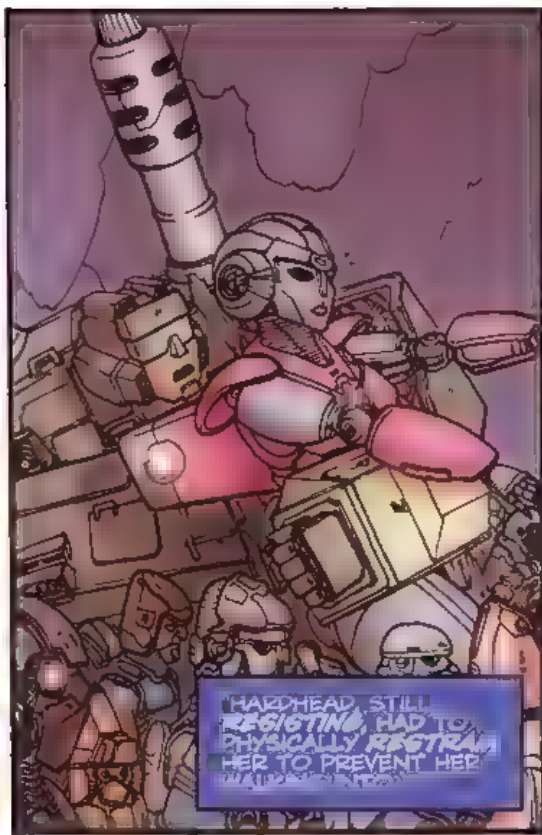
MARCEE AND HARDHEAD
WERE BOTH ASTOUNDED
TO SEE THAT THE PORTAL
ACTIVITY DREW THE ENTIRE
POPULATION OF FORAM
PRIME TO IT.



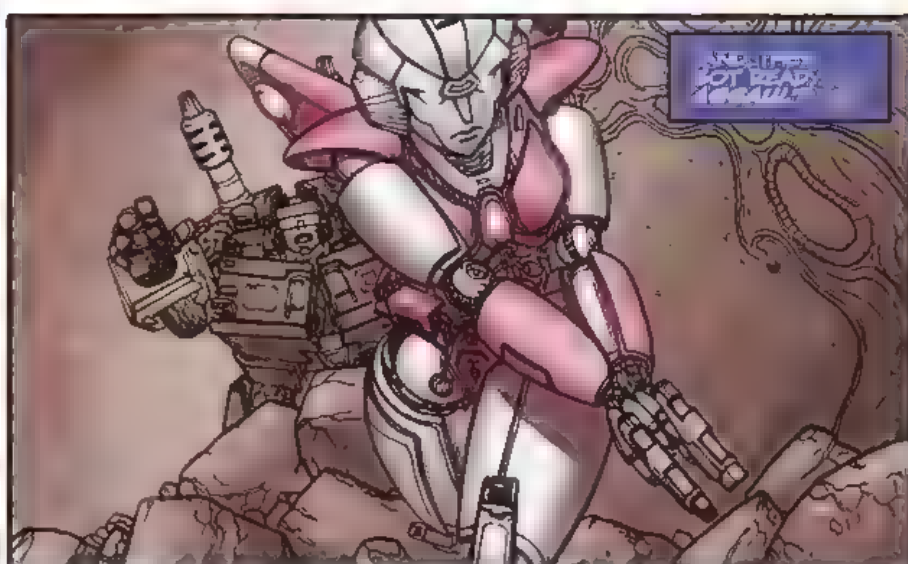
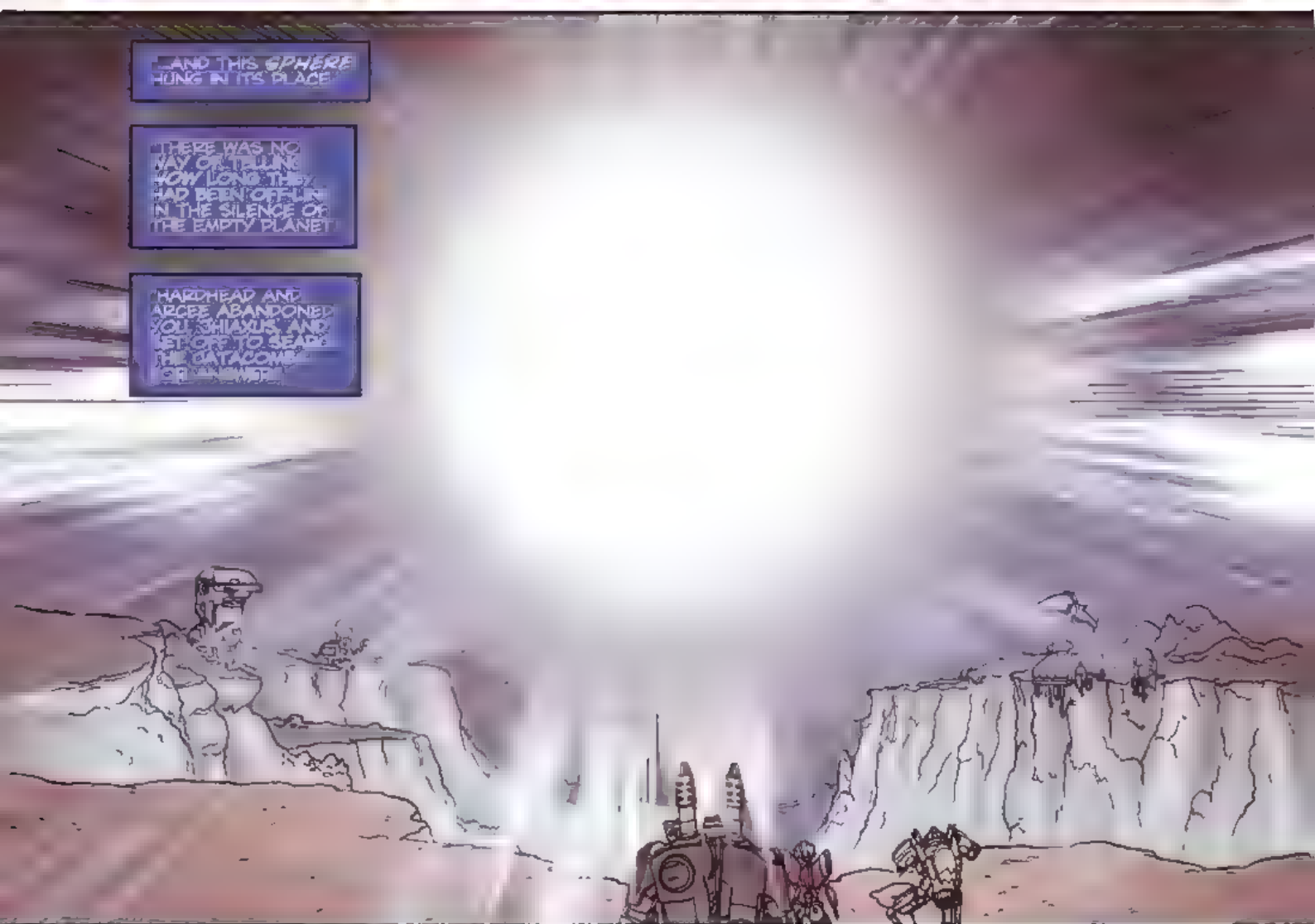
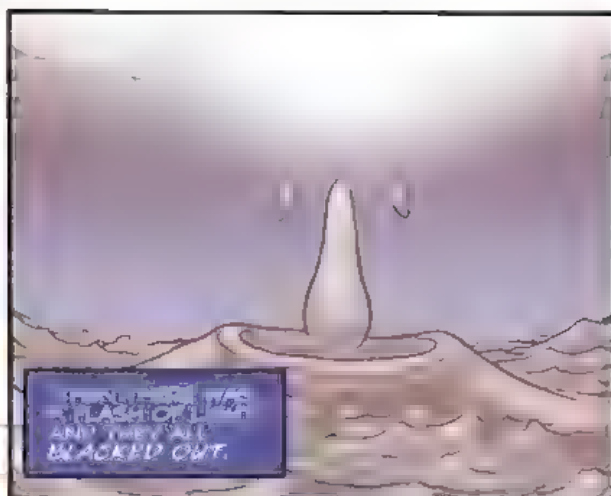
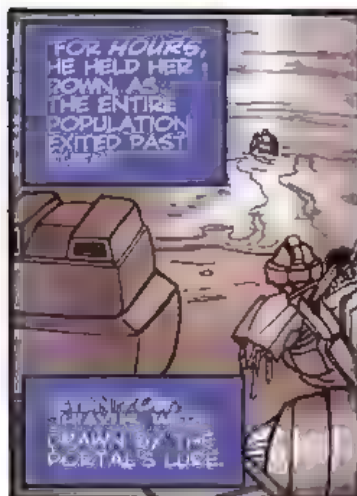
...HEEDLESS AND IN THEIR
MILLIONS, THEY WALKED
DIRECTLY INTO THE LAKE
AND VANISHED!

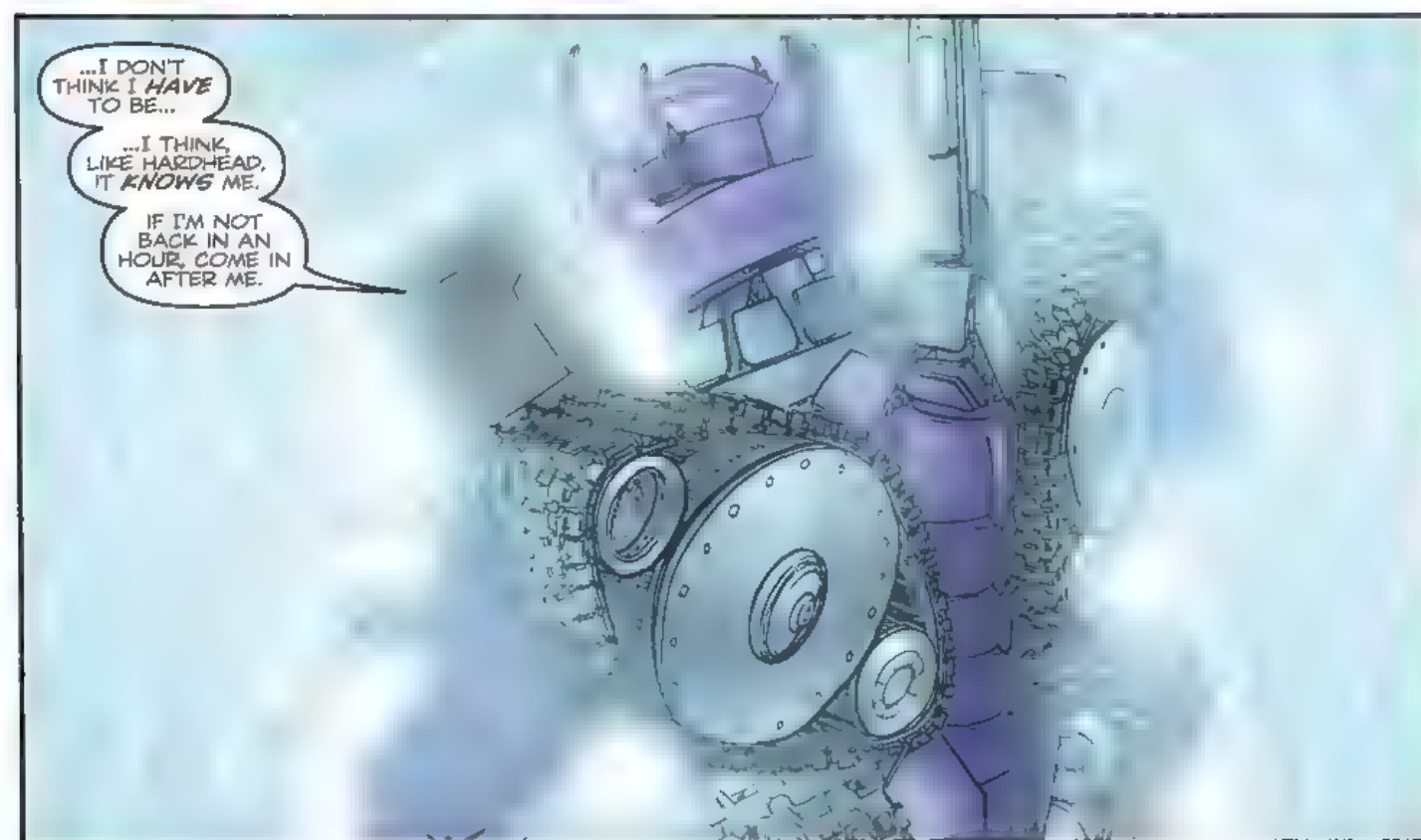
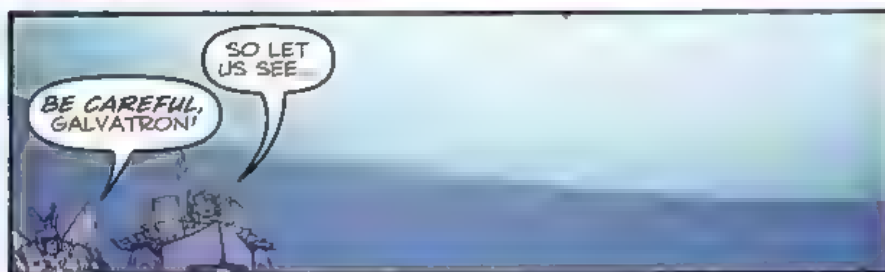
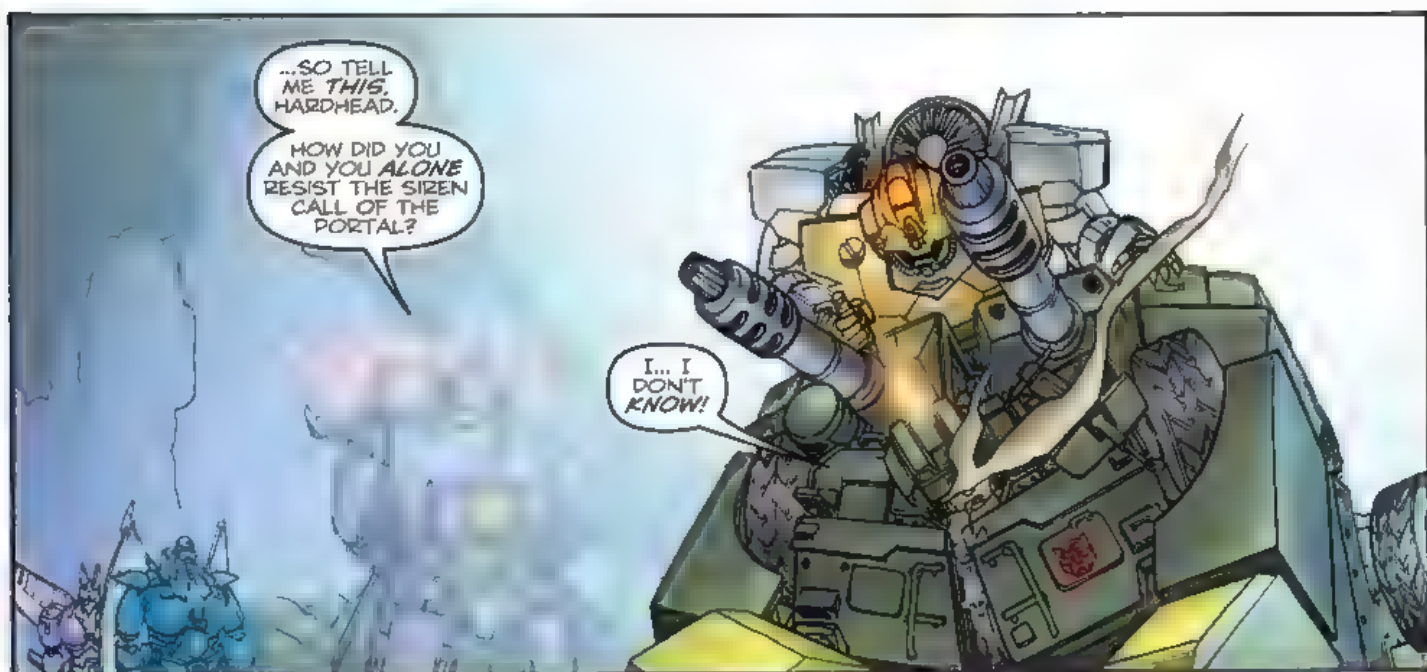


MARCEE
HERSELF SUGGUMBED TO
THE MYSTERIOUS LURE
OF THE PORTAL.



HARDHEAD STILL
RESISTING, HAD TO
PHYSICALLY RESTRAIN
HER TO PREVENT HER
WALKING INTO IT.





POWER OF THE
MINDS OF THE
UNIVERSE

GREAT
HEART OF
DARKNESS!

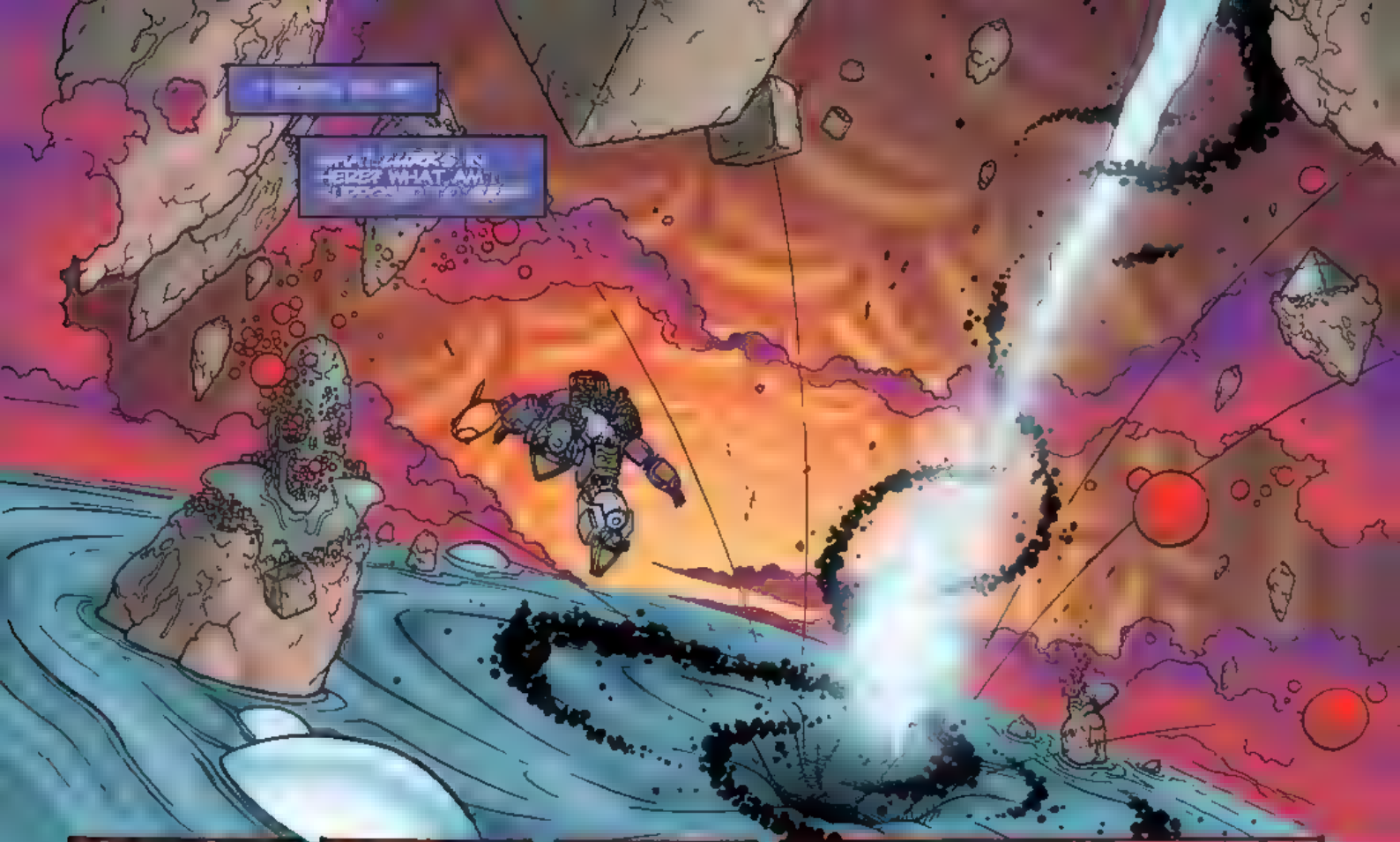
THE LINGERING
GHOSTS OF THE
UNIVERSE
ARE HERE

THE
GHOSTS OF THE
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UNIVERSE
ARE HERE





THEY'RE NOT HERE

THEY'RE NOT HERE
WHAT AM I DOING?

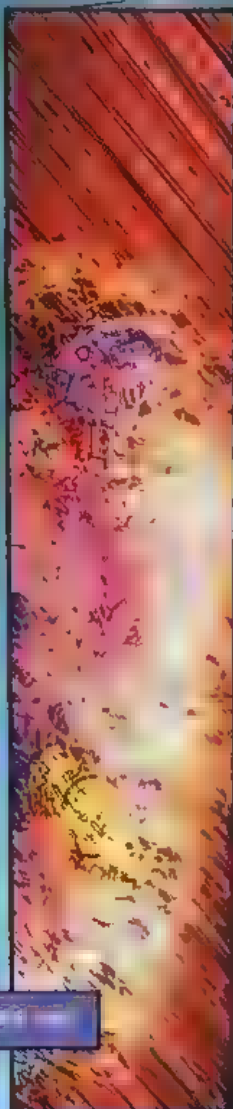


THEY'RE NOT HERE
THEY'RE NOT HERE
THE DEAD
UNIVERSE THAT
WAS REMADE
THEY'RE NOT HERE

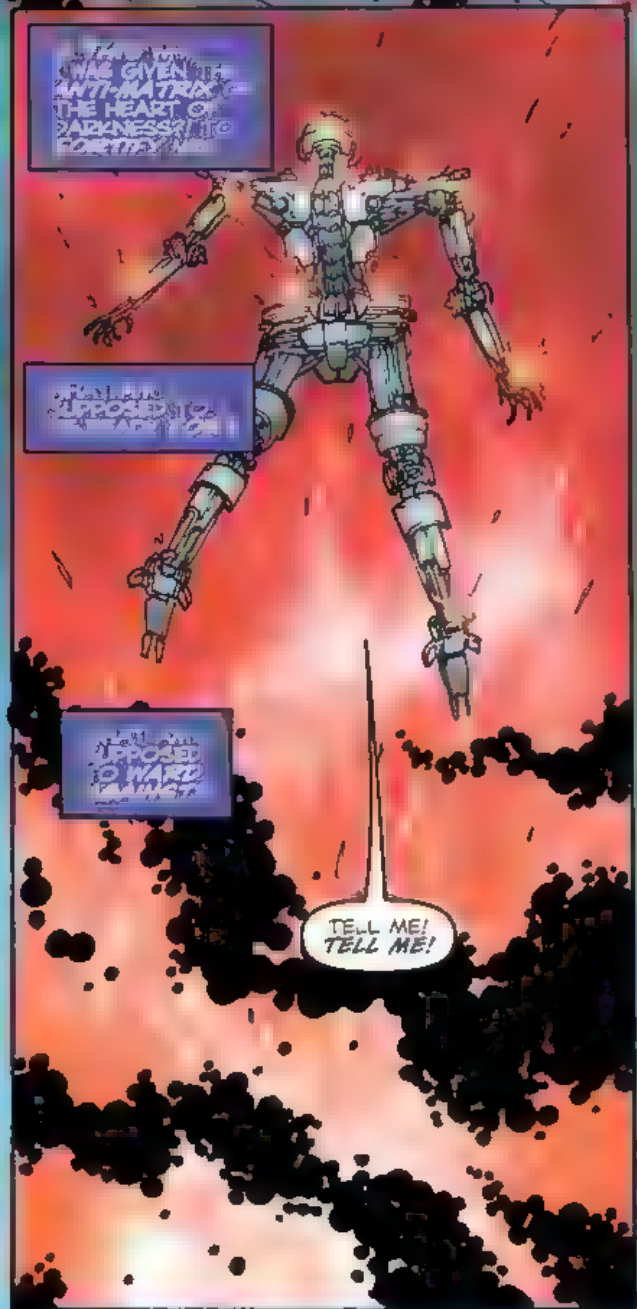


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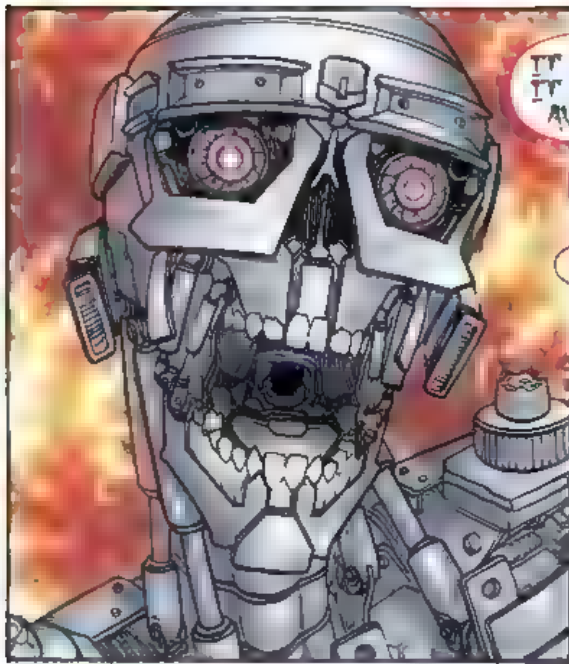


THEY'RE NOT HERE
THEY'RE NOT HERE
THE DEAD
UNIVERSE THAT
WAS REMADE
THEY'RE NOT HERE

THEY'RE NOT HERE

THEY'RE NOT HERE

TELL ME!
TELL ME!

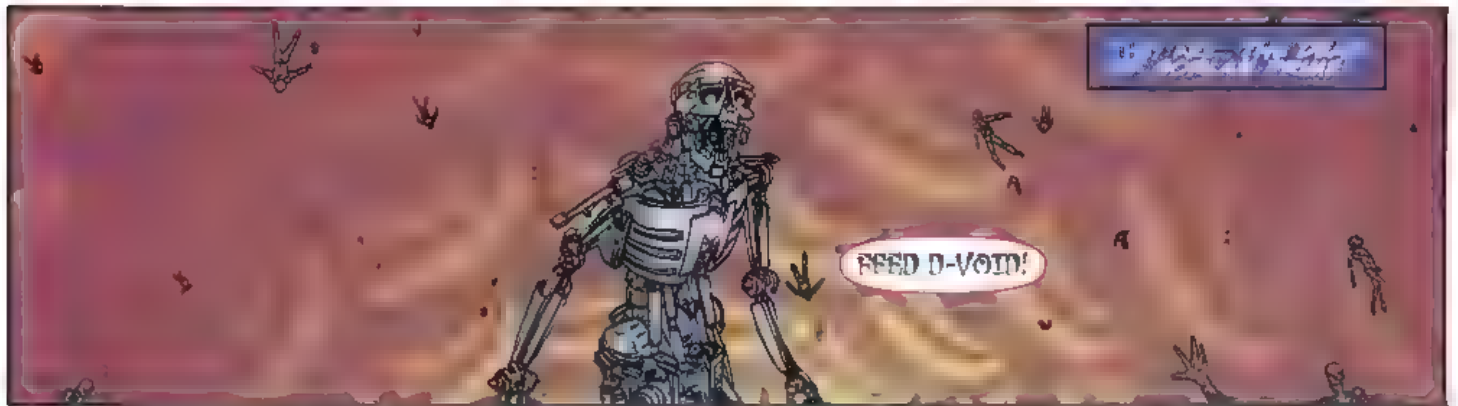


IT IS D-VOID.
IT IS D-VOID.
AWAKENED.

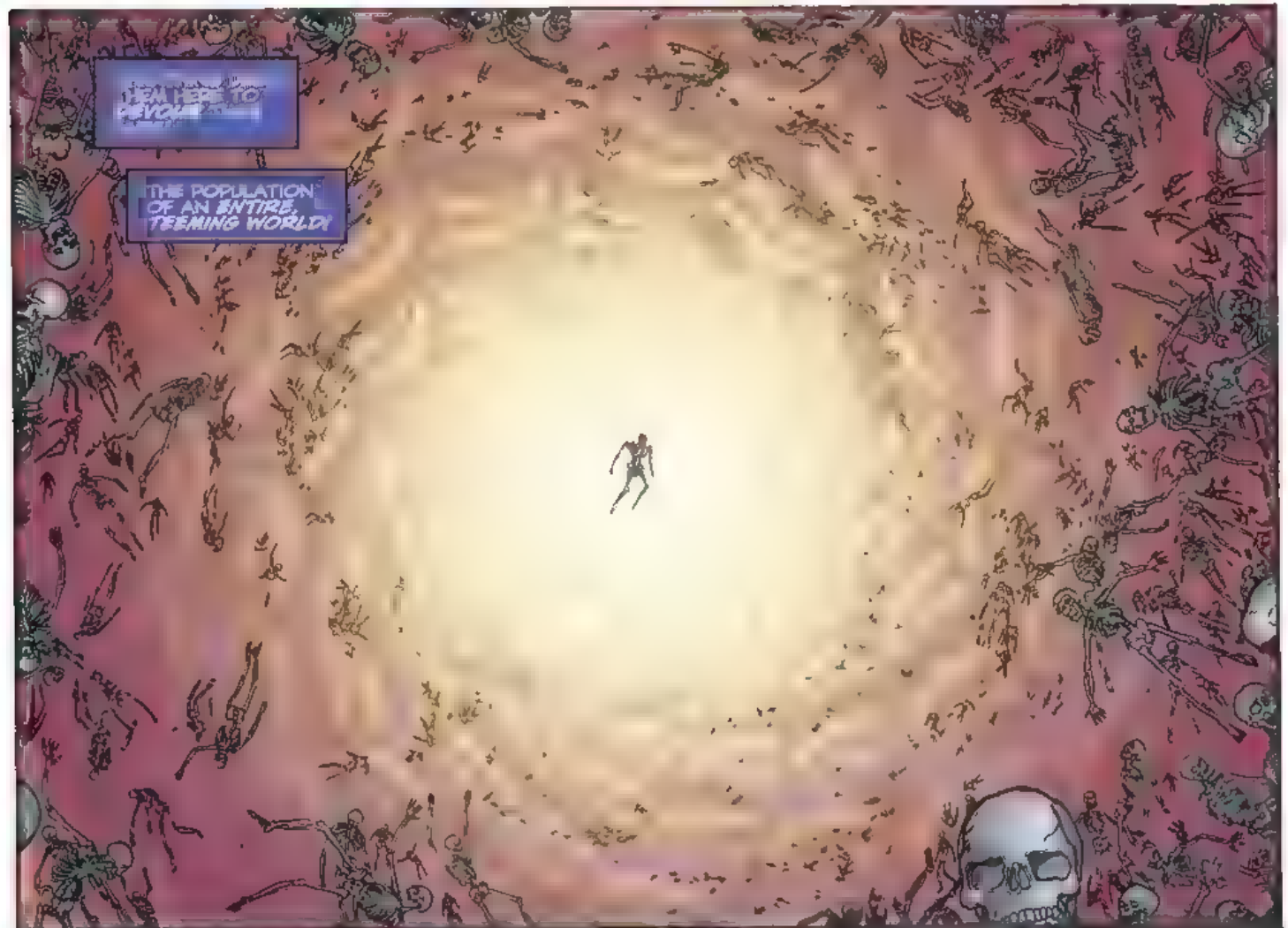
COME TO
D-VOID.
CONSTRUCT.

FEED D-VOID!

THE DEAD
CYBERNETIC
CORPSE



FEED D-VOID!



FEED HERE TO
D-VOID

THE POPULATION
OF AN ENTIRE
TEEMING WORLD



UNIQUE
ENERGY!

D-VOID
HUNGERS
FOR IT!

FEED D-VOID!



NO!
NOOO!

FEED D-VOID!



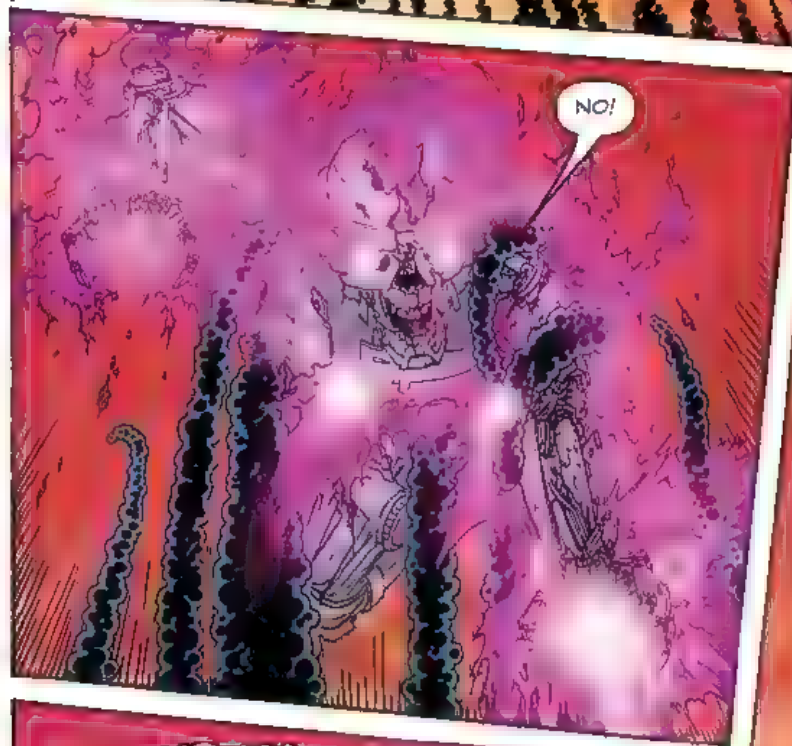
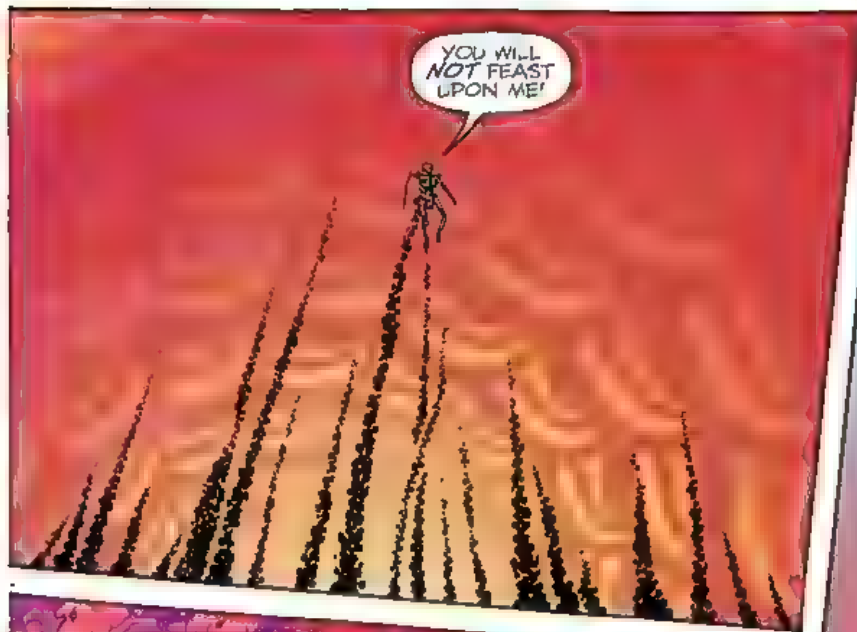
THE HEART OF DARKNESS
HAS EMPOWERED ME
AGAINST YOU!

YOU ARE WHAT I WAS
CREATED TO BATTLE!

I WAS MADE TO WARN
THE UNIVERSES OF
YOUR APPROACH!



FEED D-VOID!



IT'S TAKING
TOO LONG...

IT'S BARELY
BEEN A
MINUTE.
HE—

GALVATRON!

NGGAAH!

IT'S BEHIND
ME! COMING
AFTER ME!

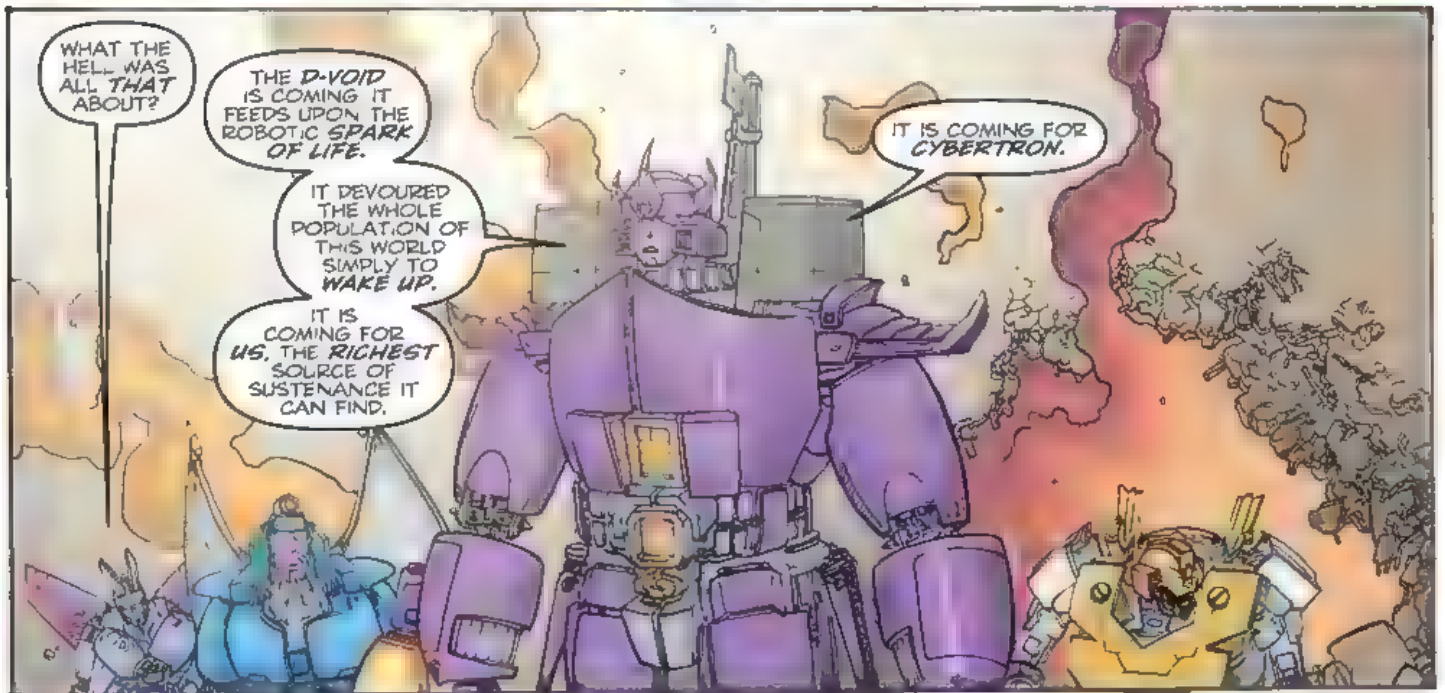
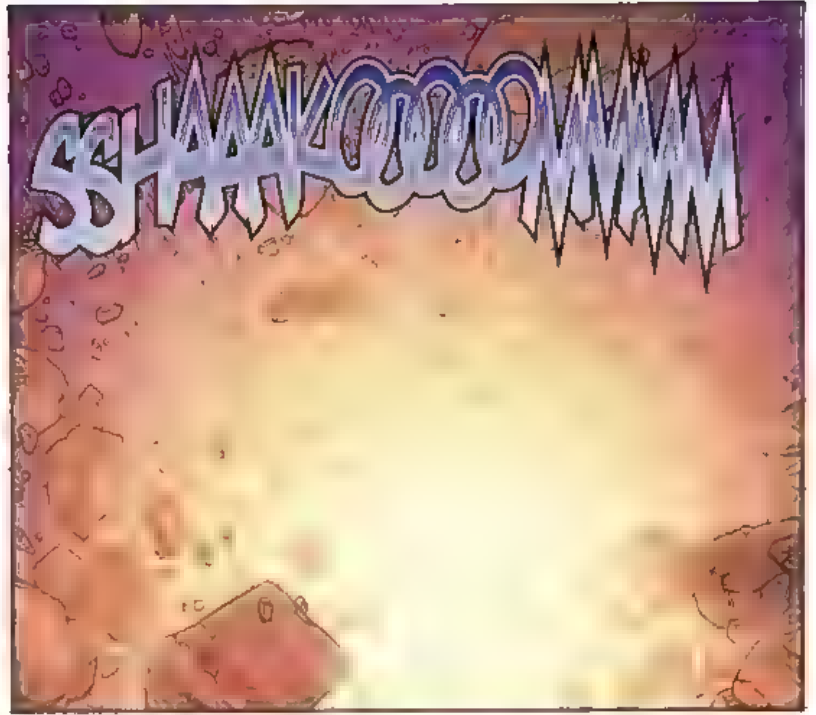
FIGHT
IT!

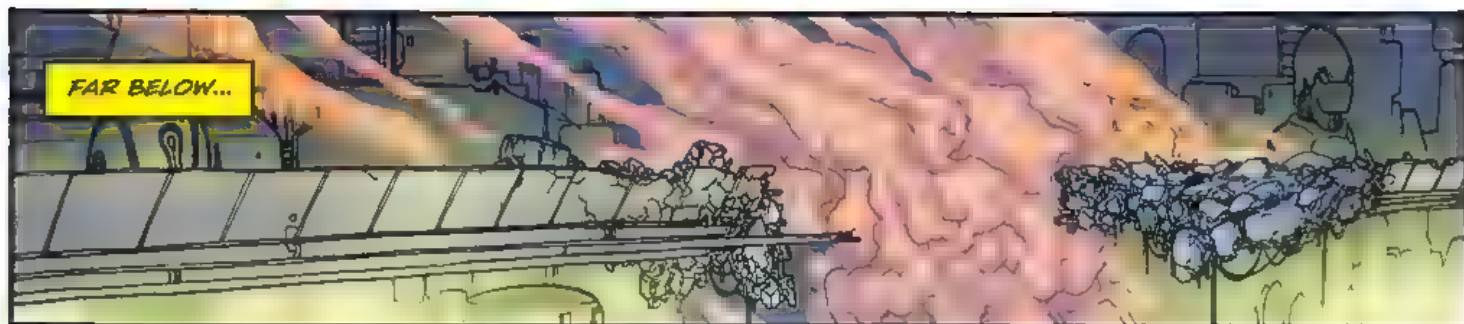
FIGHT
IT!

GALVATRON!
STOP FIRING!

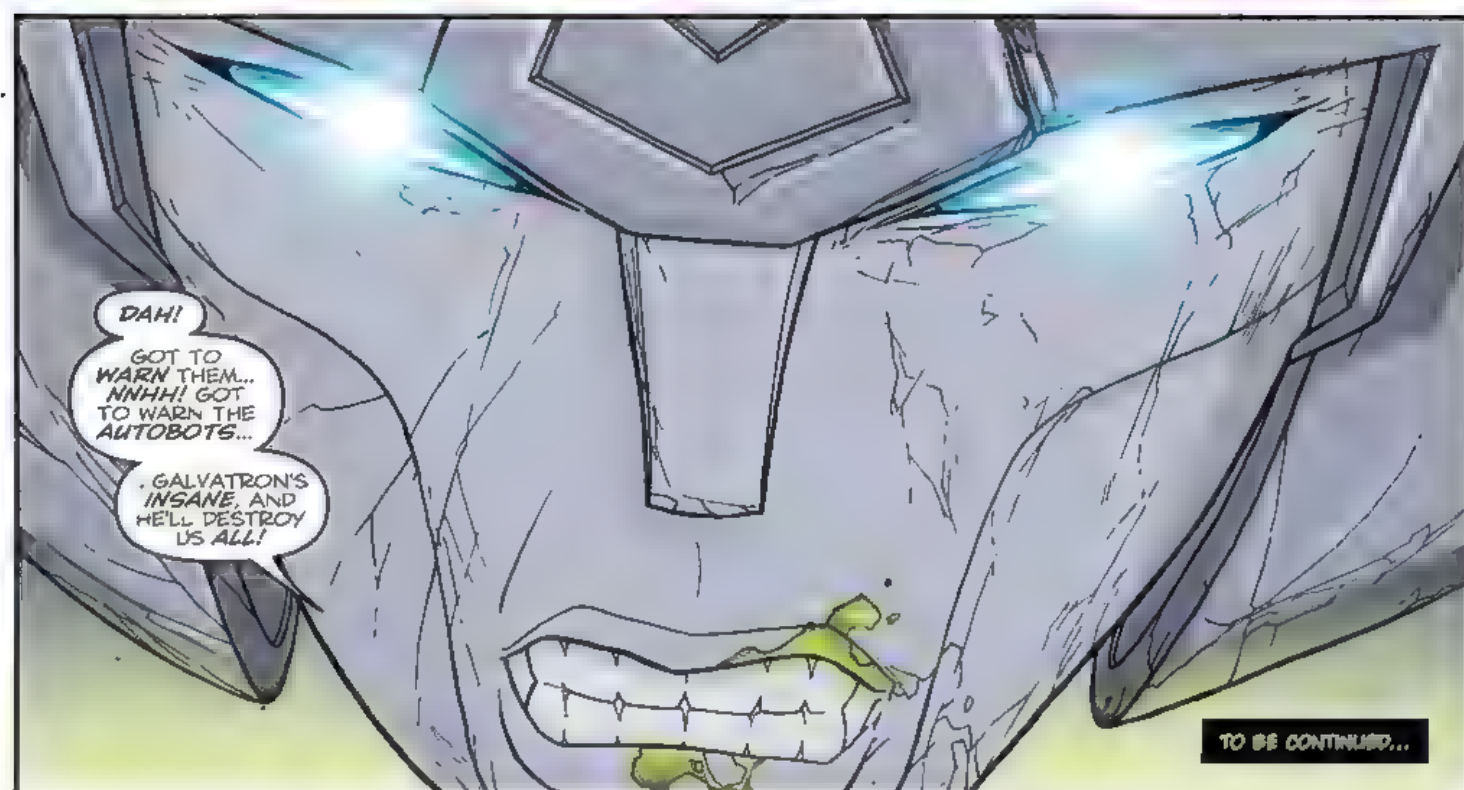
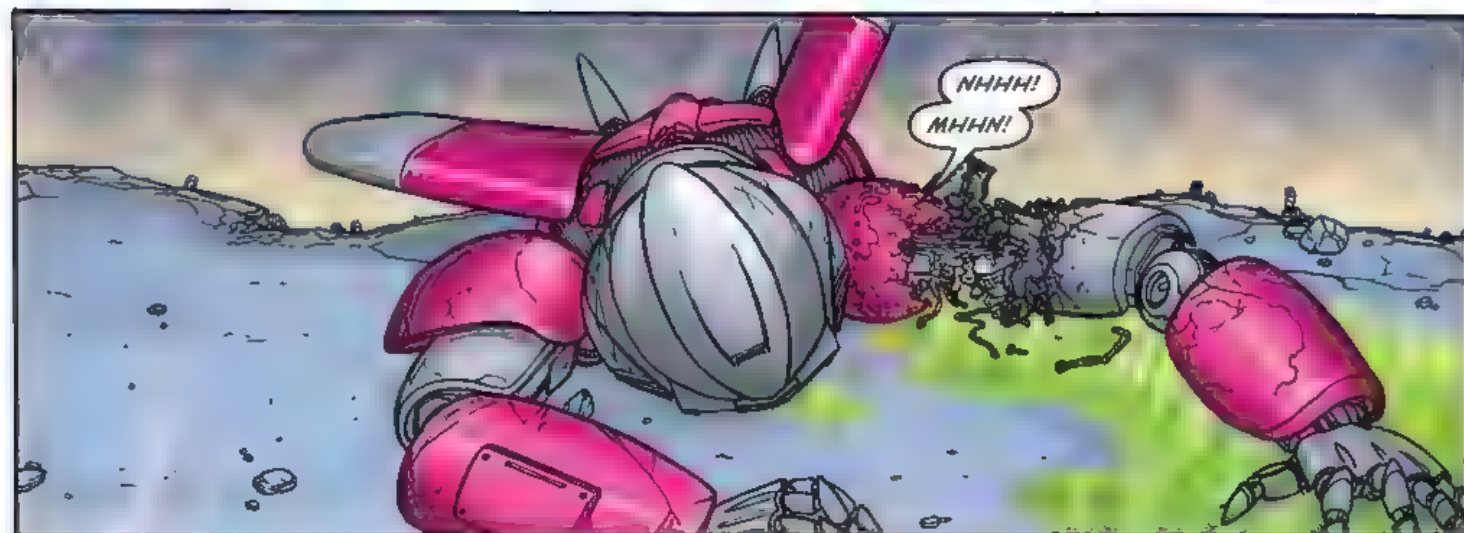
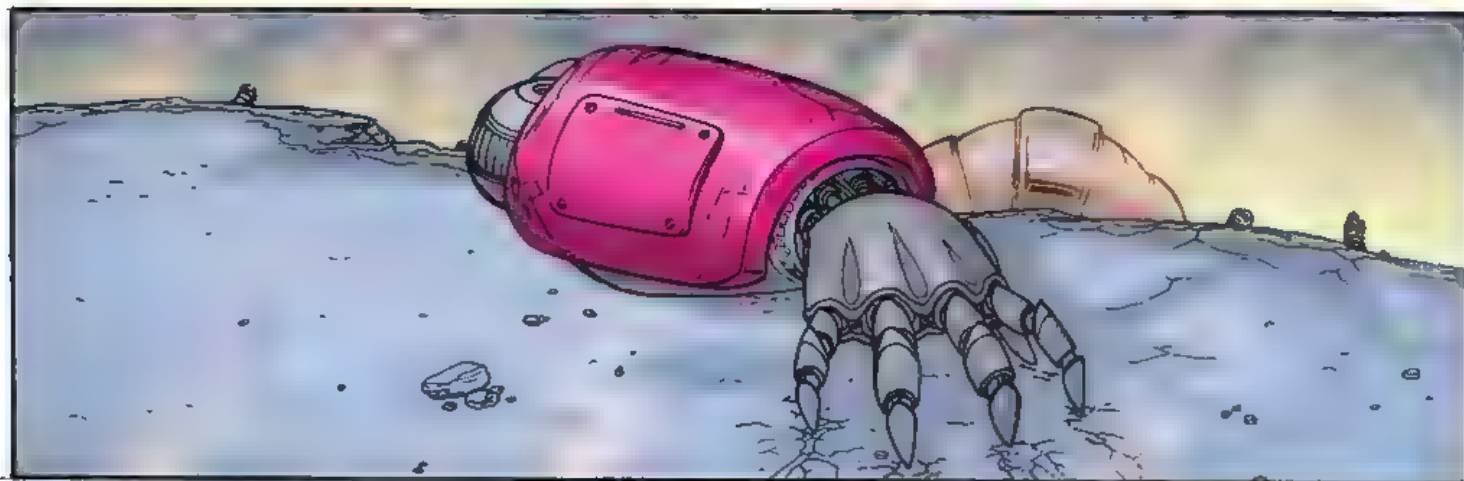
YOU'LL
BRING THE
WHOLE CHAMBER
DOWN UPON
US!

GALVATRON!
STOP
BEFORE—





FAR BELOW...



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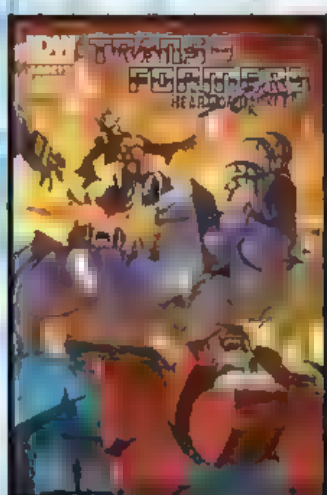
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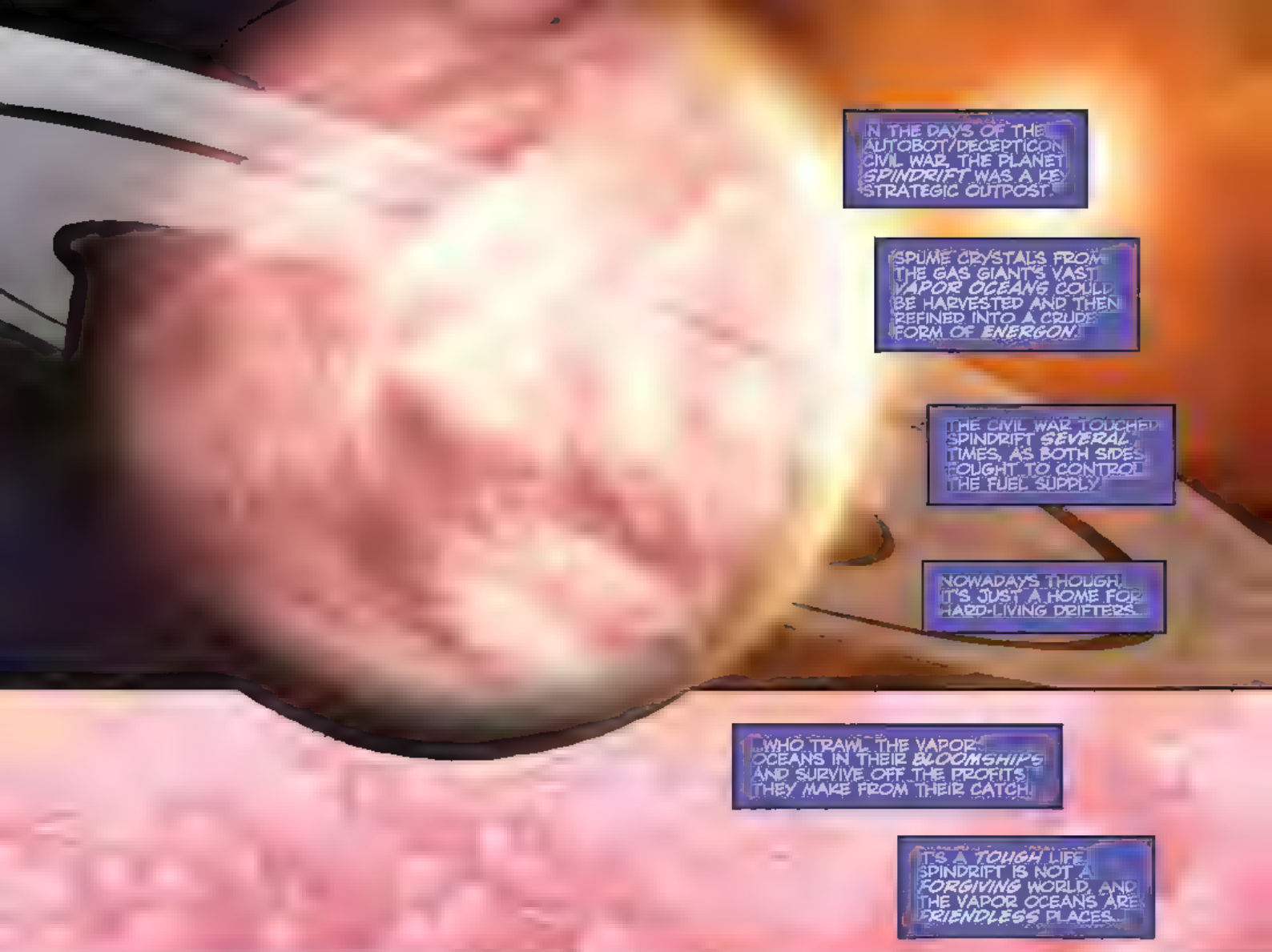


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IN THE DAYS OF THE AUTOBOT/DECEPTICON CIVIL WAR, THE PLANET SPINDRIFT WAS A KEY STRATEGIC OUTPOST.

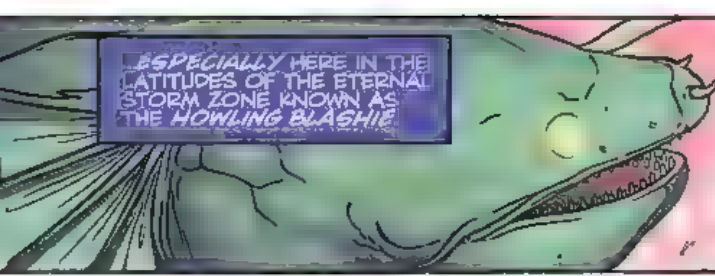
SPUME CRYSTALS FROM THE GAS GIANT'S VAST VAPOR OCEANS COULD BE HARVESTED AND THEN REFINED INTO A CRUDE FORM OF ENERGO.

THE CIVIL WAR TOUCHED SPINDRIFT SEVERAL TIMES, AS BOTH SIDES FOUGHT TO CONTROL THE FUEL SUPPLY.

NOWADAYS, THOUGH, IT'S JUST A HOME FOR HARD-LIVING DRIFTERS.

WHO TRAWL THE VAPOR OCEANS IN THEIR BLOOMSHIPS AND SURVIVE OFF THE PROFITS THEY MAKE FROM THEIR CATCH.

IT'S A TOUGH LIFE. SPINDRIFT IS NOT A FORGIVING WORLD, AND THE VAPOR OCEANS ARE FRIENDLESS PLACES.



ESPECIALLY HERE IN THE LATITUDES OF THE ETERNAL STORM ZONE KNOWN AS THE HOWLING BLASHIE.



VAPOR EELS!

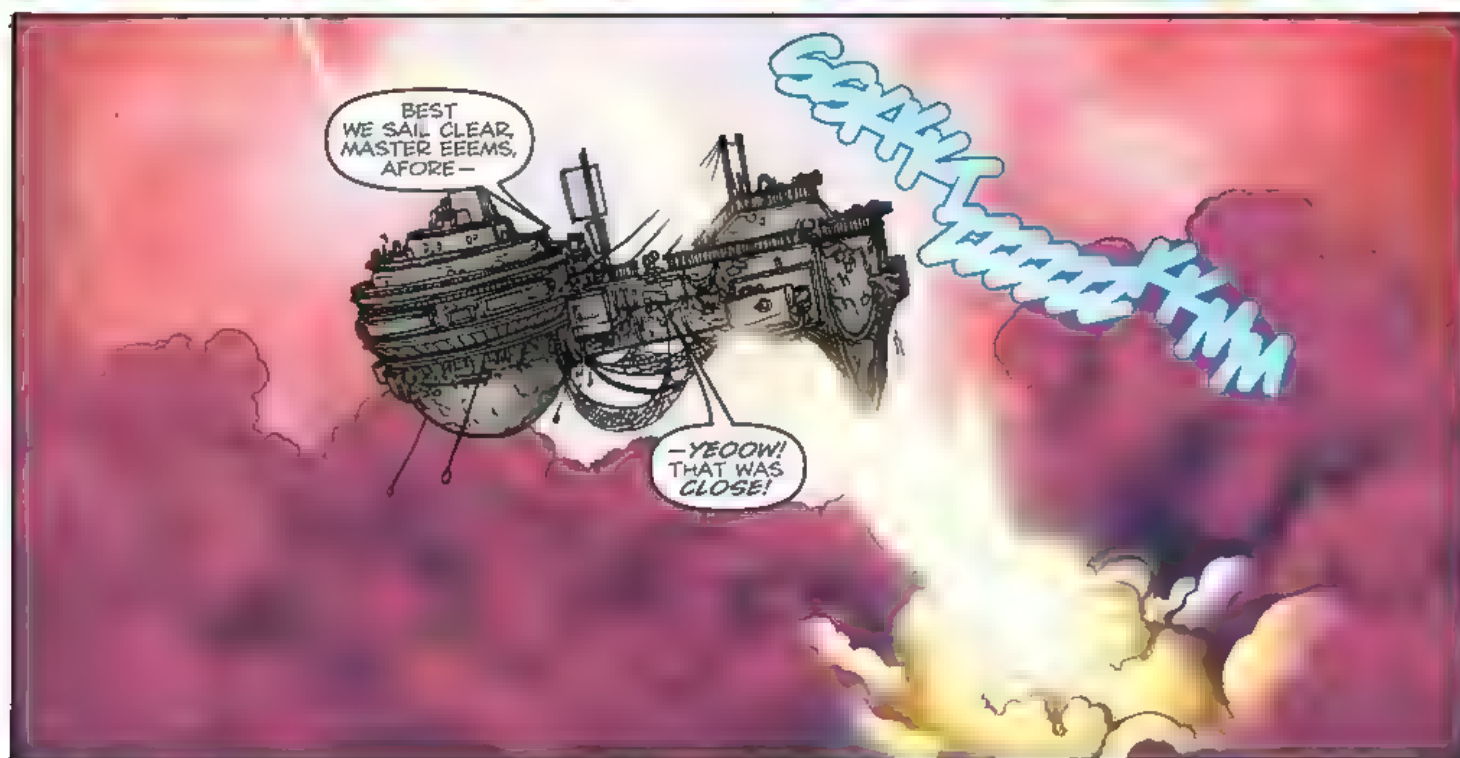
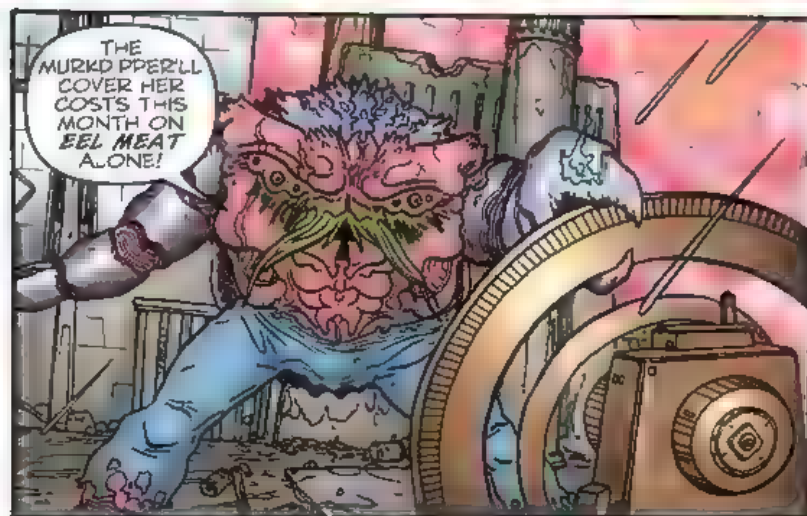
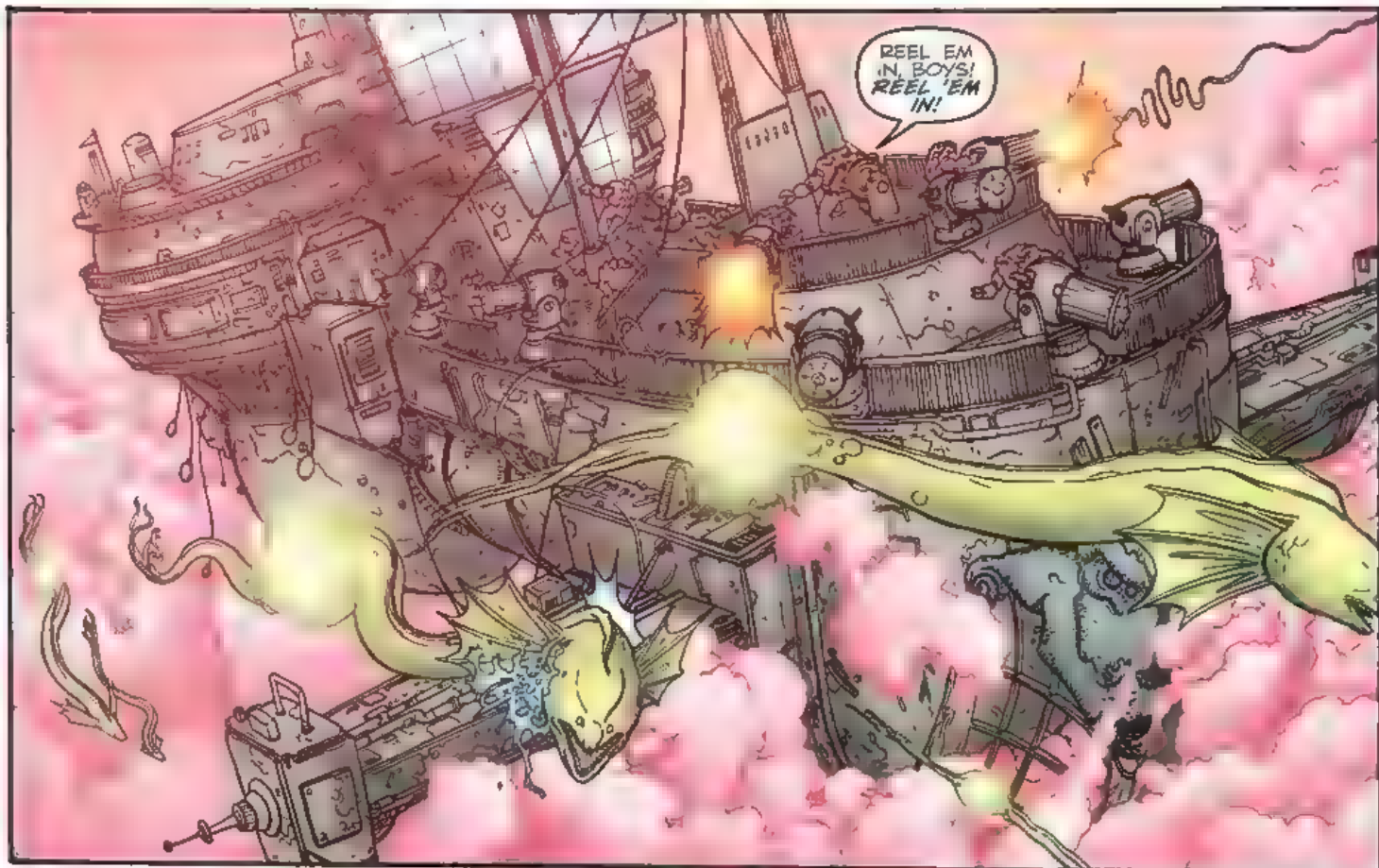
VAPOR EELS, HO!



HARD ABOUT, MASTER EEENG!

LET'S FILL OUR DRIFTNETS WITH THOSE SLIPPERY BEAUTIES!

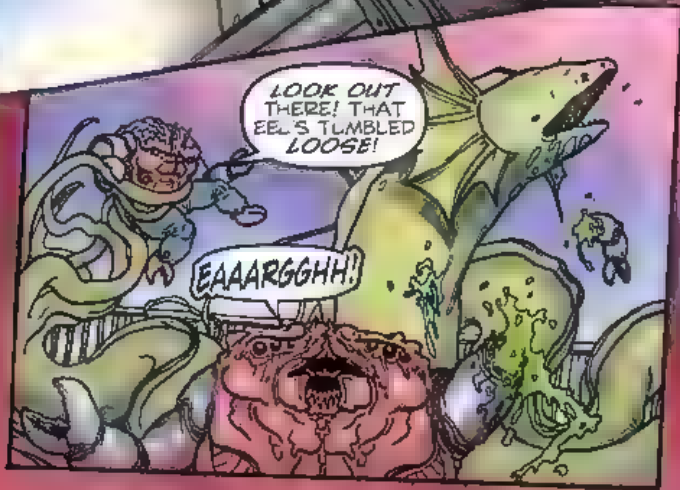
AYE, CAPTAIN KARRG!





HOLD ON,
BOYS! HOLD
ON! SHE'S
CAUGHT IN THE
SWELL!

YIIII!



LOOK OUT
THERE! THAT
EEL'S TUMBLED
LOOSE!

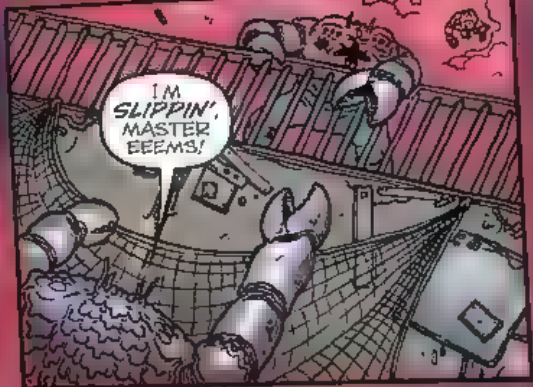
AAAARGGHH!



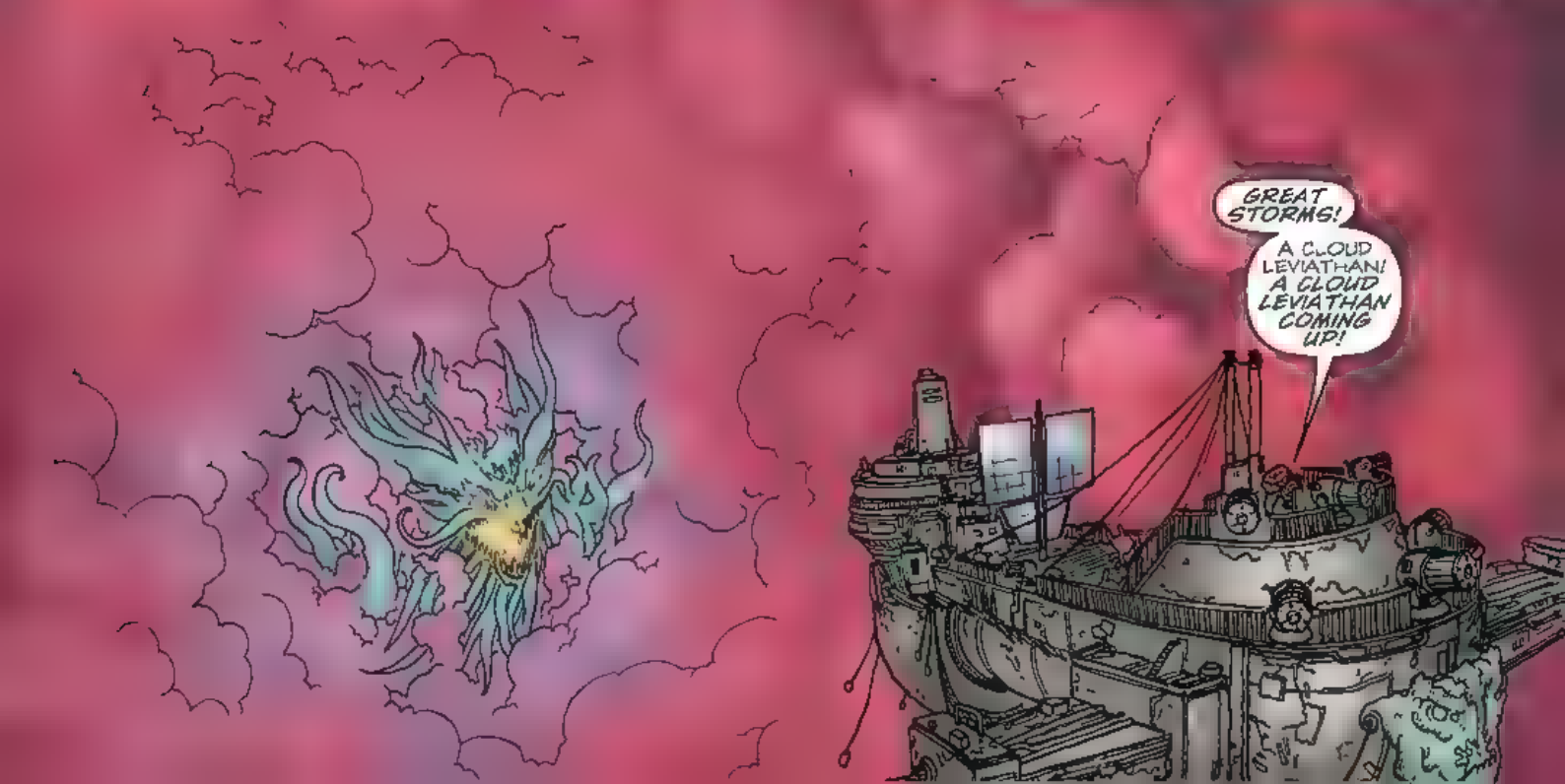
DRIFTER
OVERBOARD!



HOLD ON!
HOLD ON,
SHIPMATE!

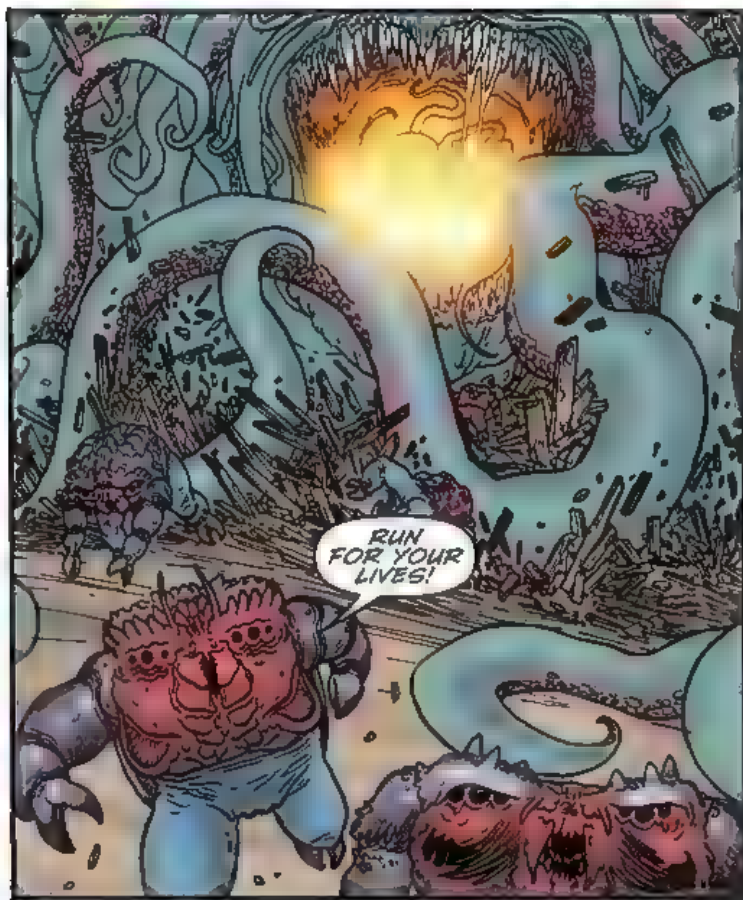
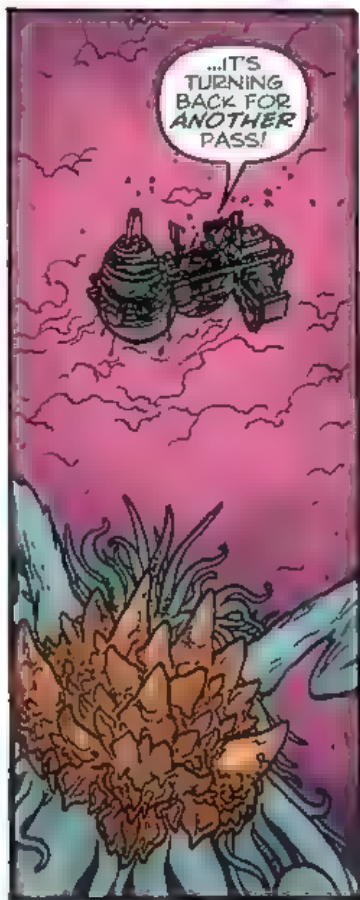


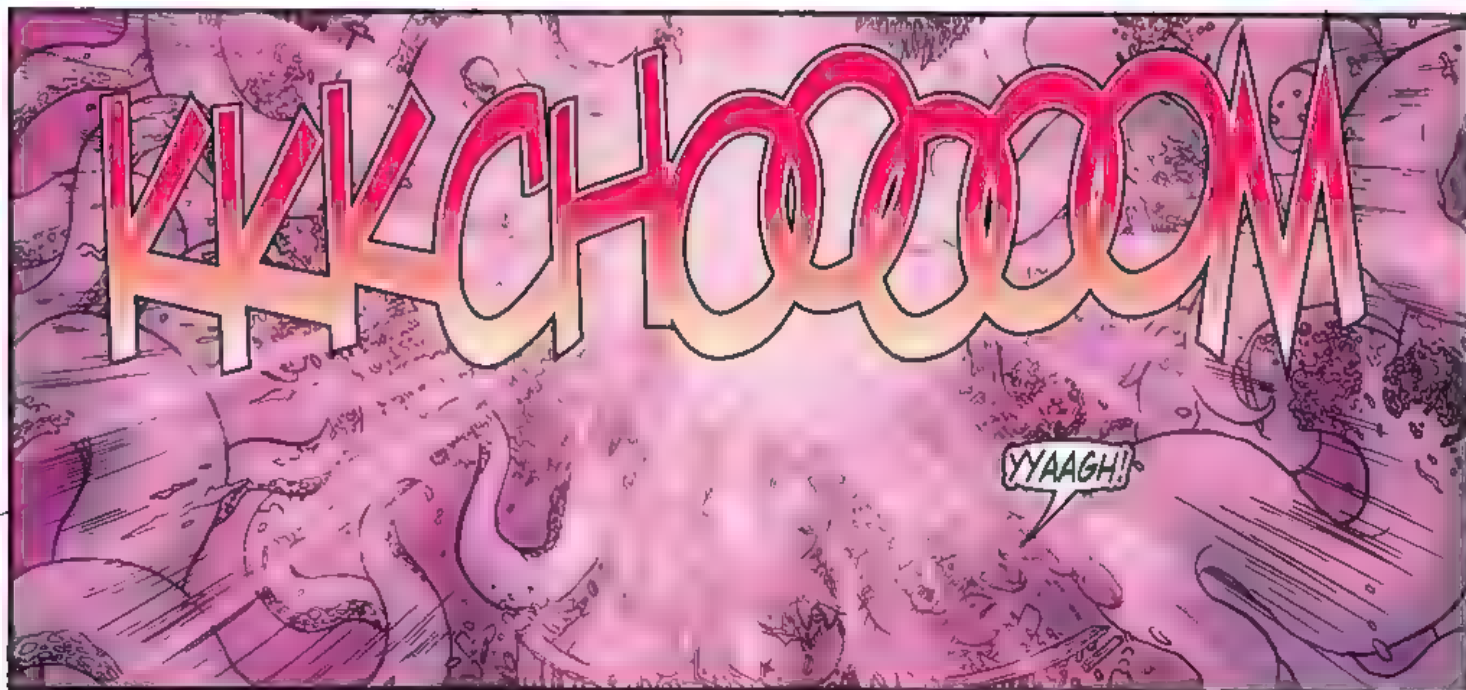
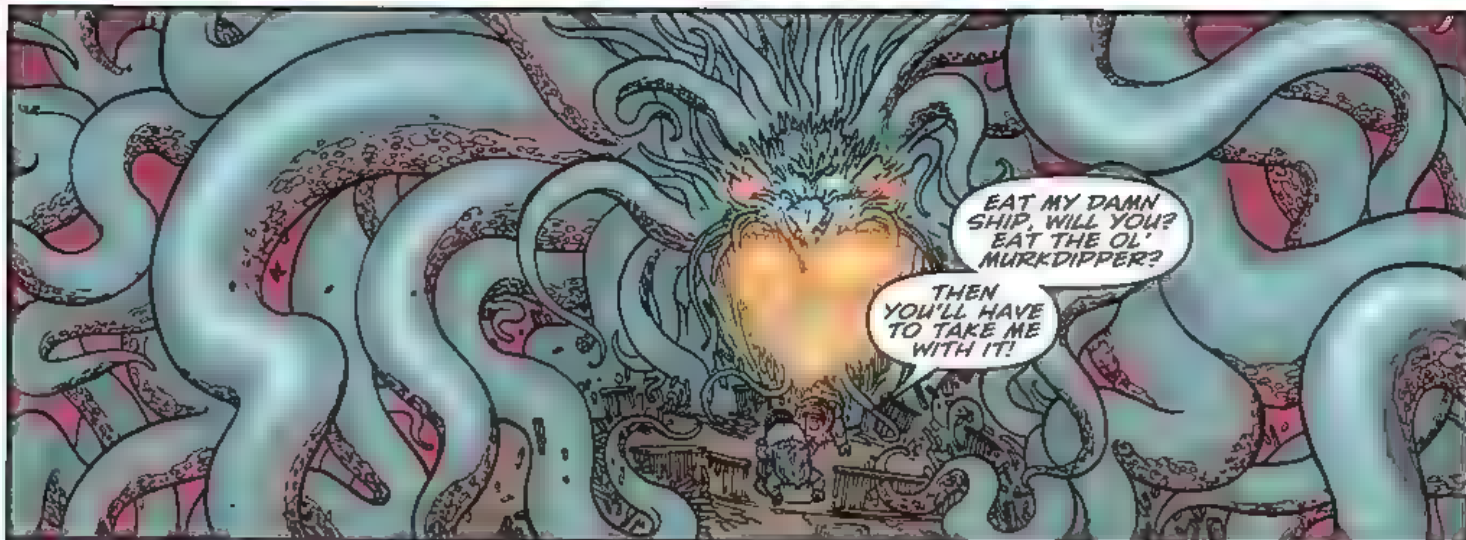
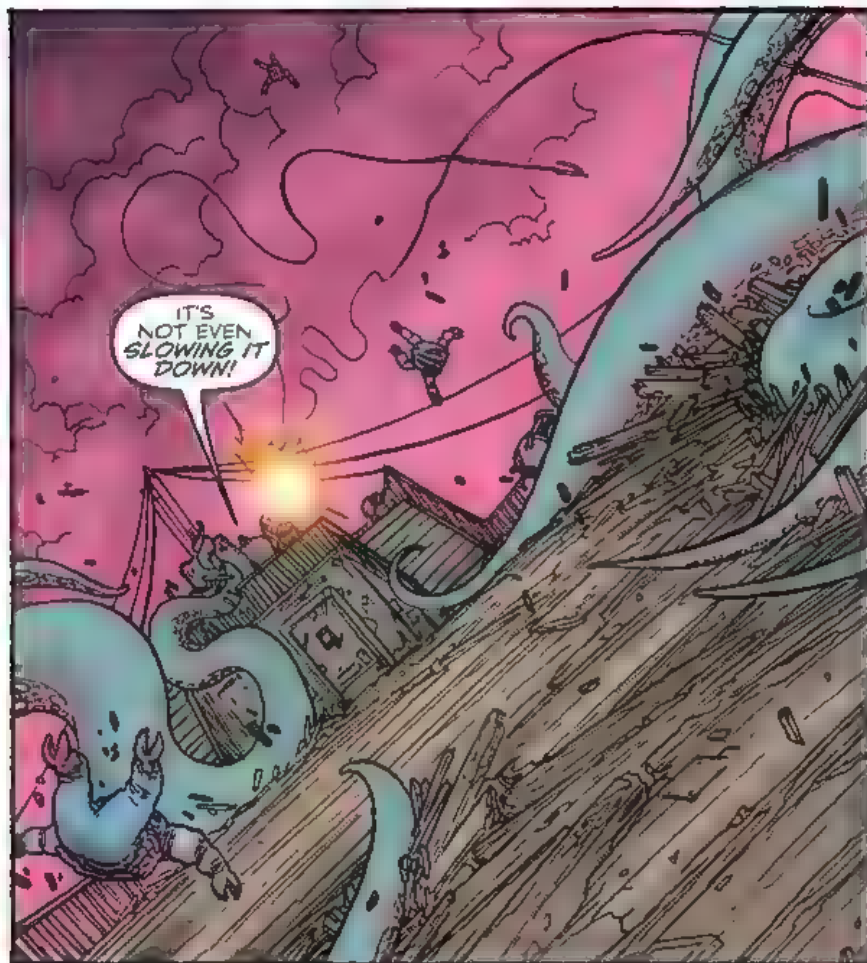
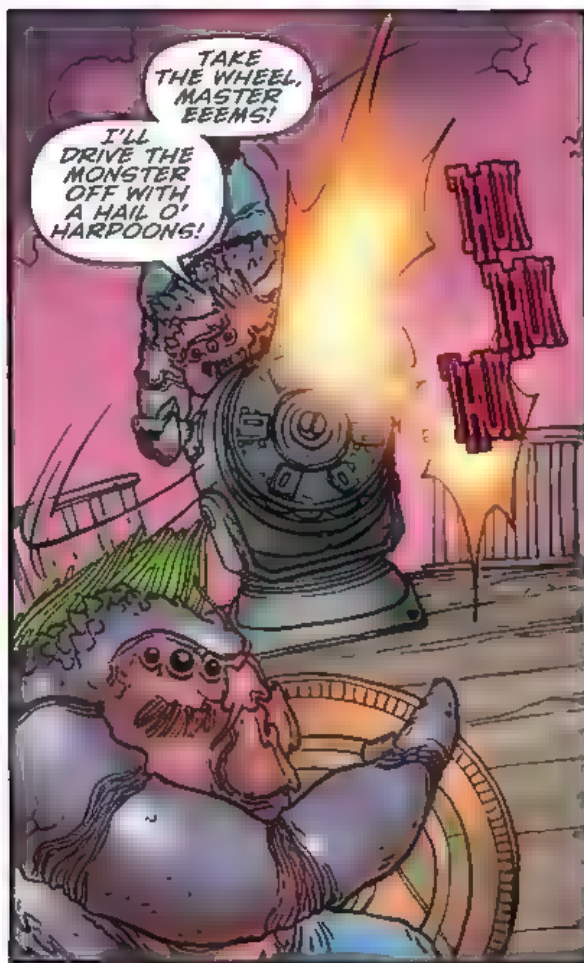
I'M
SLIPPIN',
MASTER
BEEMS!

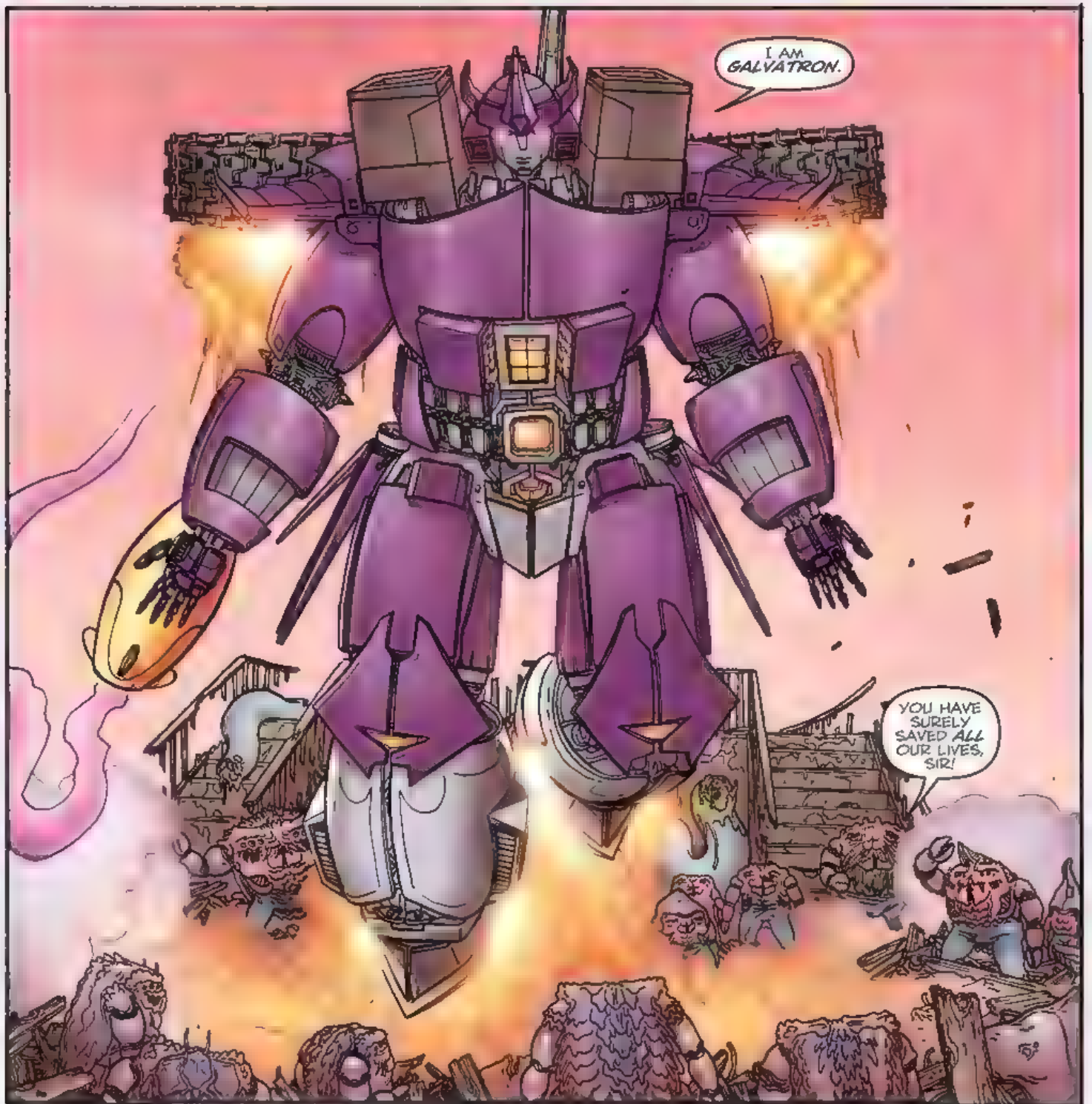
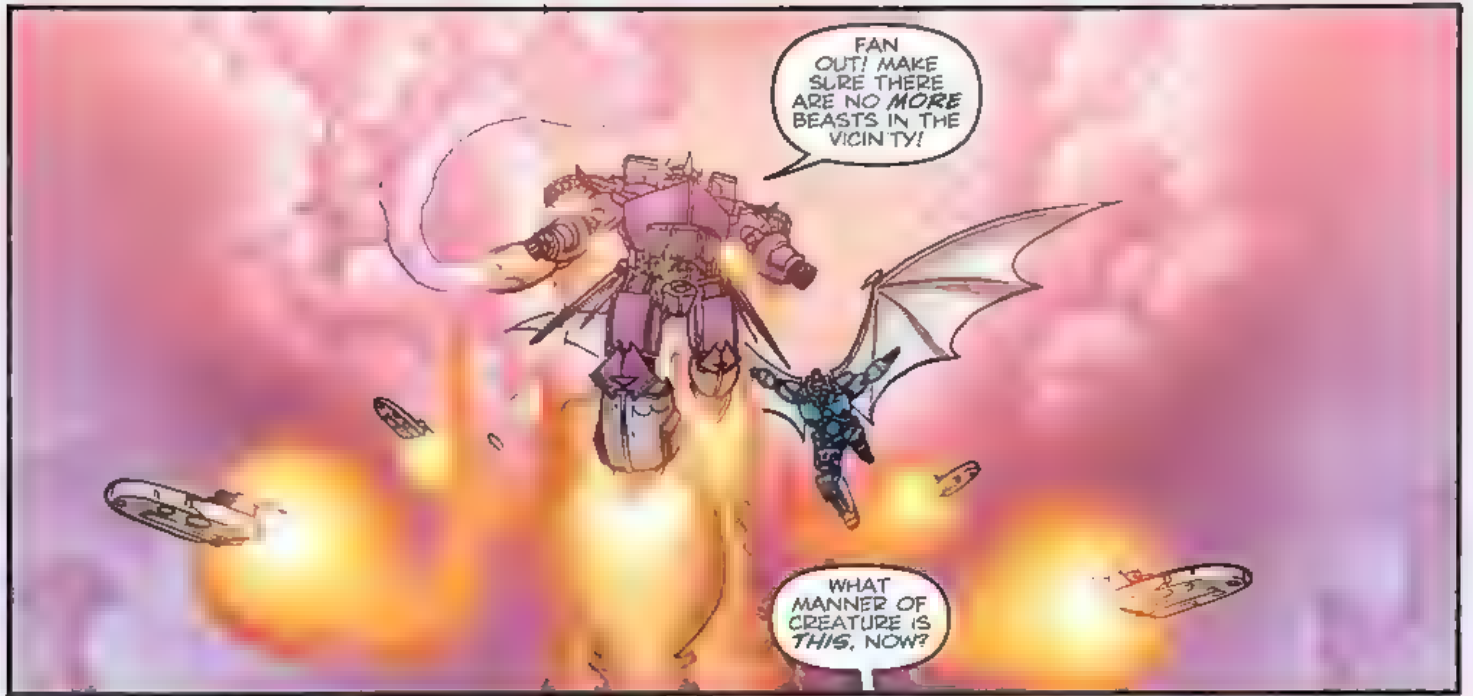


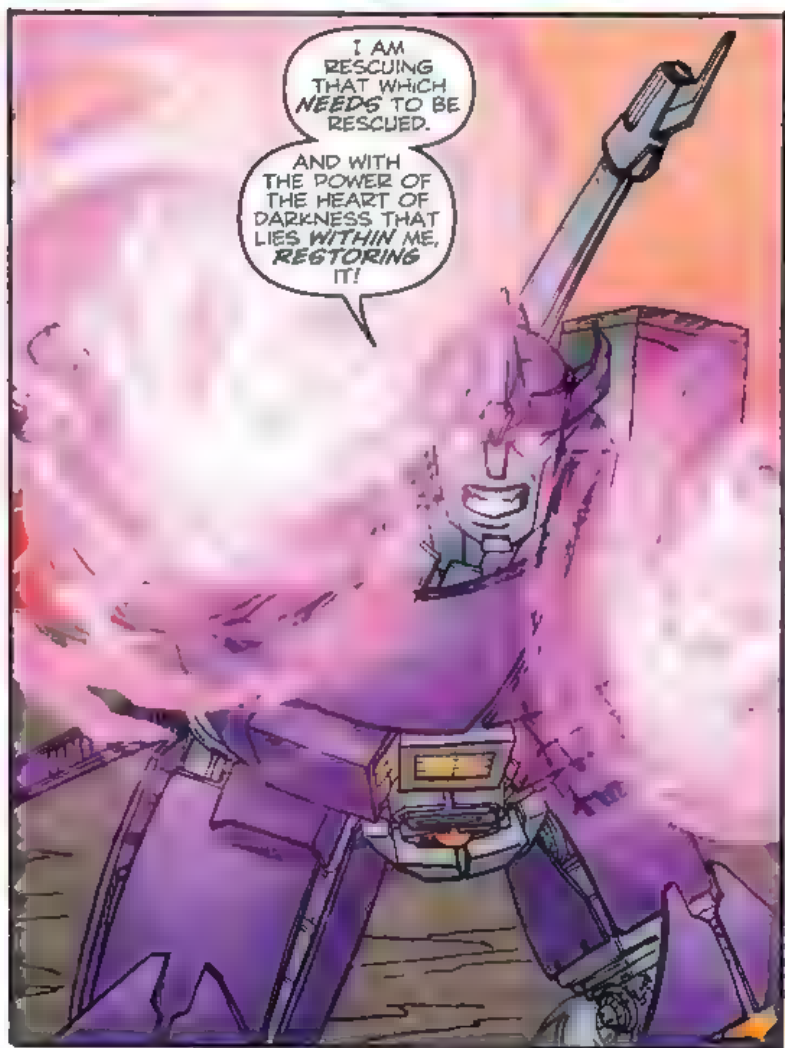
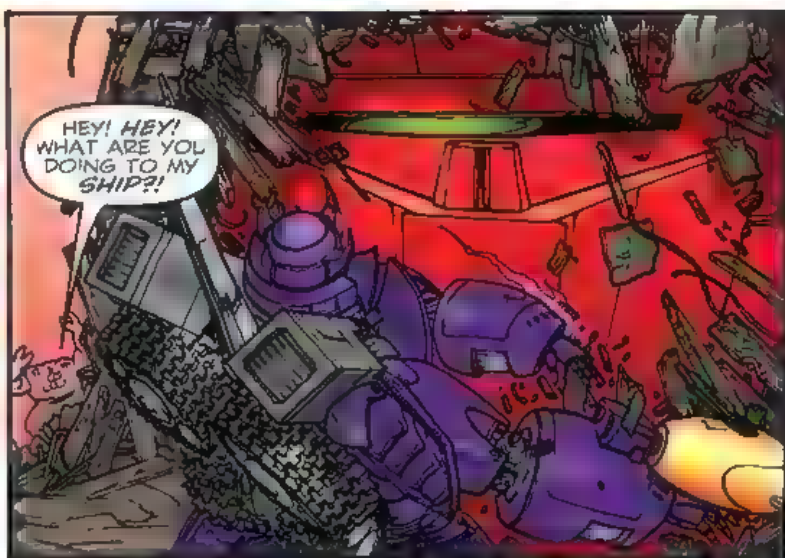
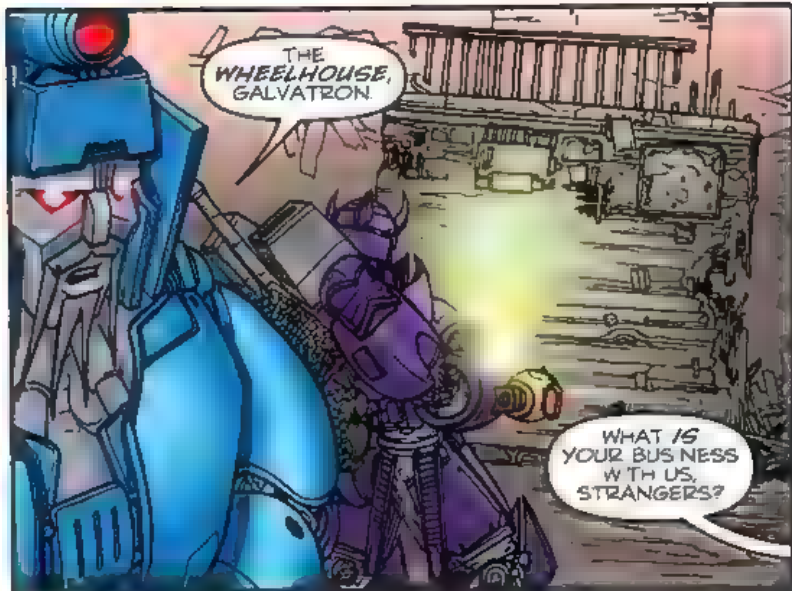
GREAT
STORMS!

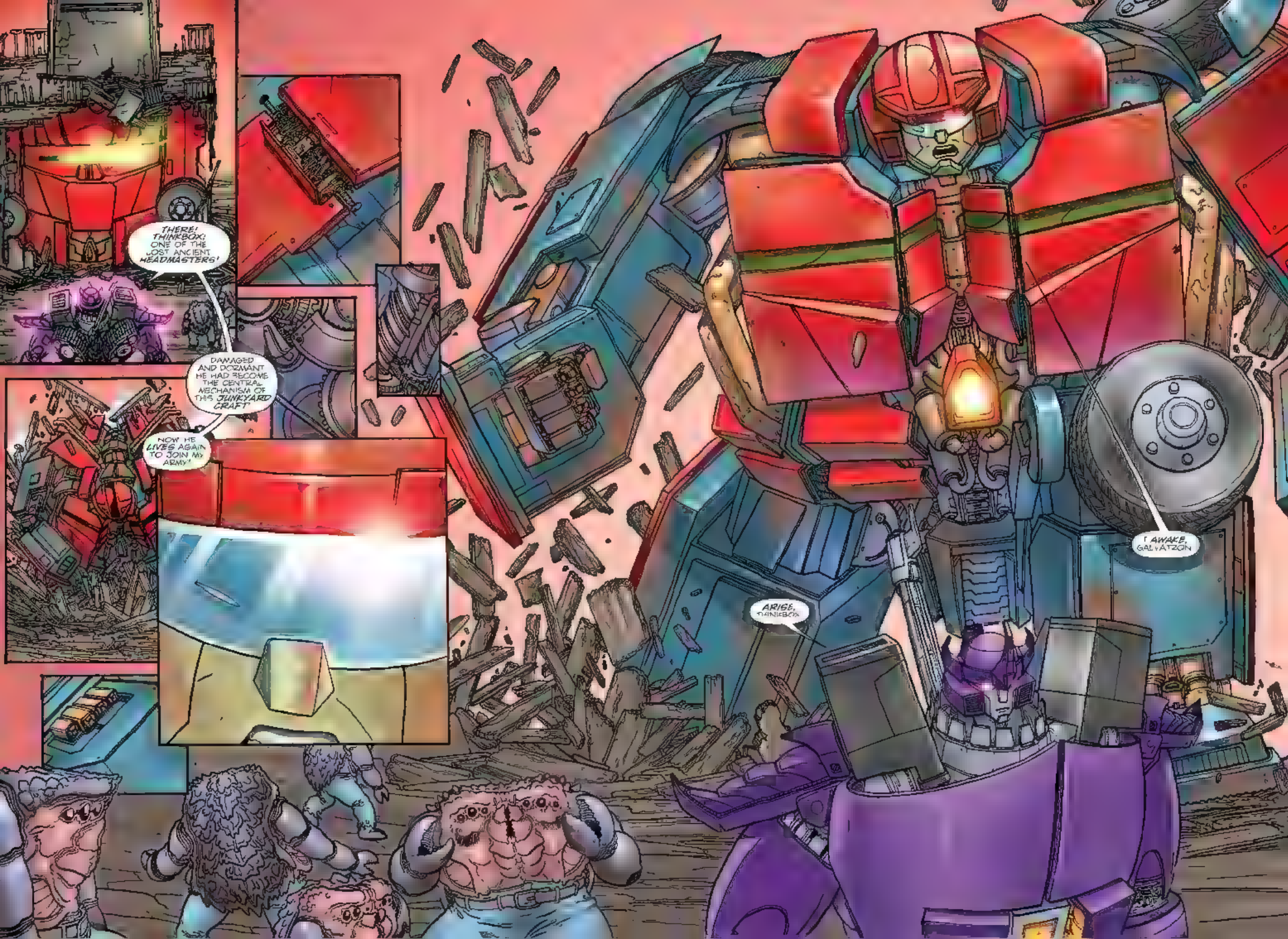
A CLOUD
LEVIATHAN!
A CLOUD
LEVIATHAN
COMING
UP!











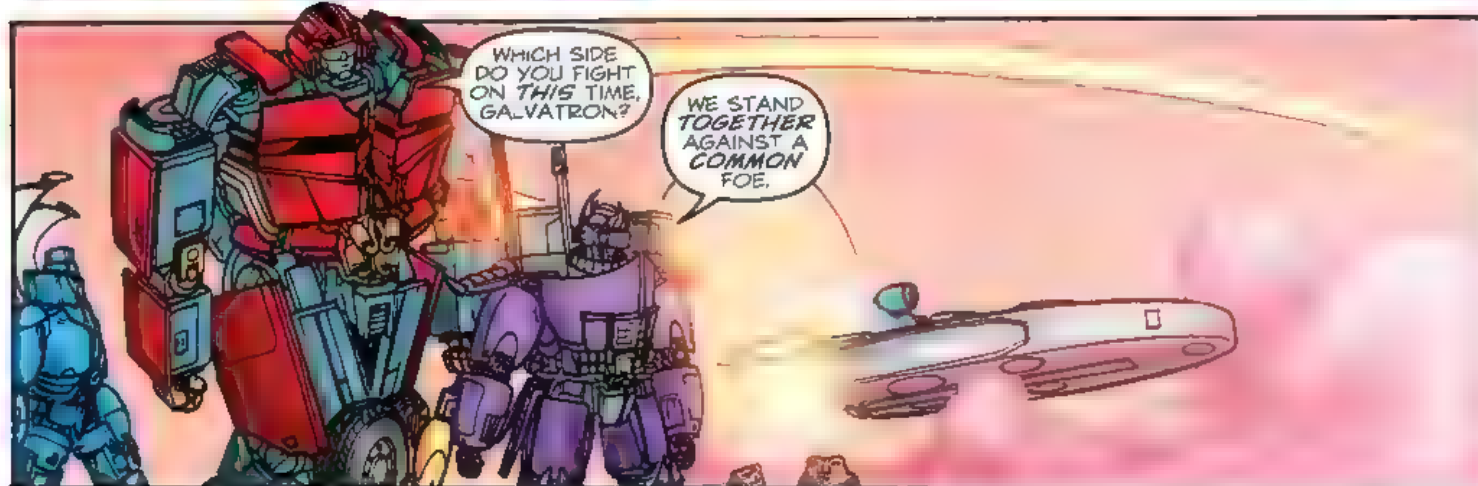
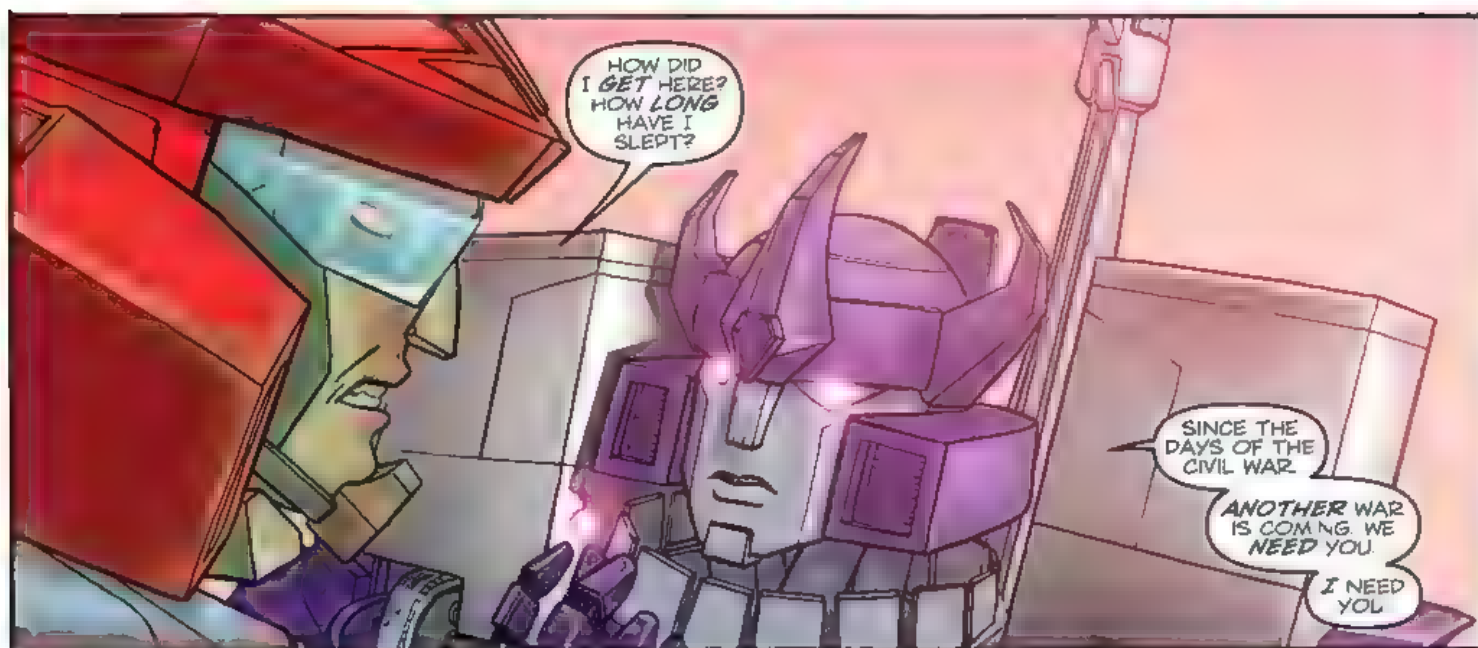
THERE!
THINKBOX!
ONE OF THE
LOST ANCIENT
HEADMASTERS!

DAMAGED
AND DOZMANT
HE HAD BECOME
THE CENTRAL
MECHANISM OF
THIS JUNKYARD
CRAFT

NOW HE
LIVES AGAIN
TO JOIN MY
ARMY!

AWAKE,
GALVATRON

ARISE,
THINKBOX





COME ABOARD
OUR SKIMMER,
THINKBOX...

...WE HAVE
ANOTHER
STOP TO
MAKE.

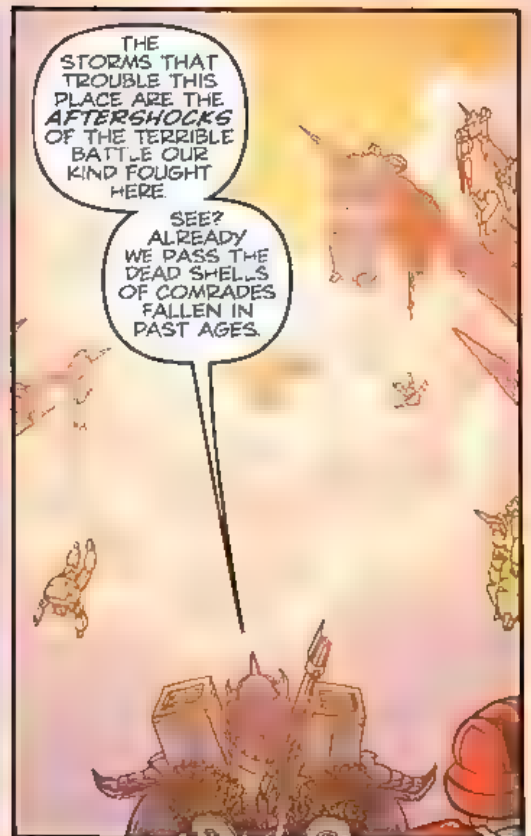


WHAT
IS THIS
PLACE?

YOU'RE
STEERING US
INTO THE REALM
OF WRECKS,
GALVATRON!

THAT'S A
TREACHEROUS
STRETCH OF
VAPOR SEA!

INDEED.
STRONG
CURRENTS, FOGS,
AND CORAL
SPINES TO TEAR
A SHIP OPEN



THE
STORMS THAT
TROUBLE THIS
PLACE ARE THE
AFTERSHOCKS
OF THE TERRIBLE
BATTLE OUR
KIND FOUGHT
HERE

SEE?
ALREADY
WE PASS THE
DEAD SHELLS
OF COMRADES
FALLEN IN
PAST AGES.



DURING THE
CIVIL WAR, BOTH
SIDES WANTED
SPINDRIFT... AND
THE BATTLES FOR
POSSESS ON WERE
SAVAGE.

GALVATRON!
WH-WHAT'S
THERE?

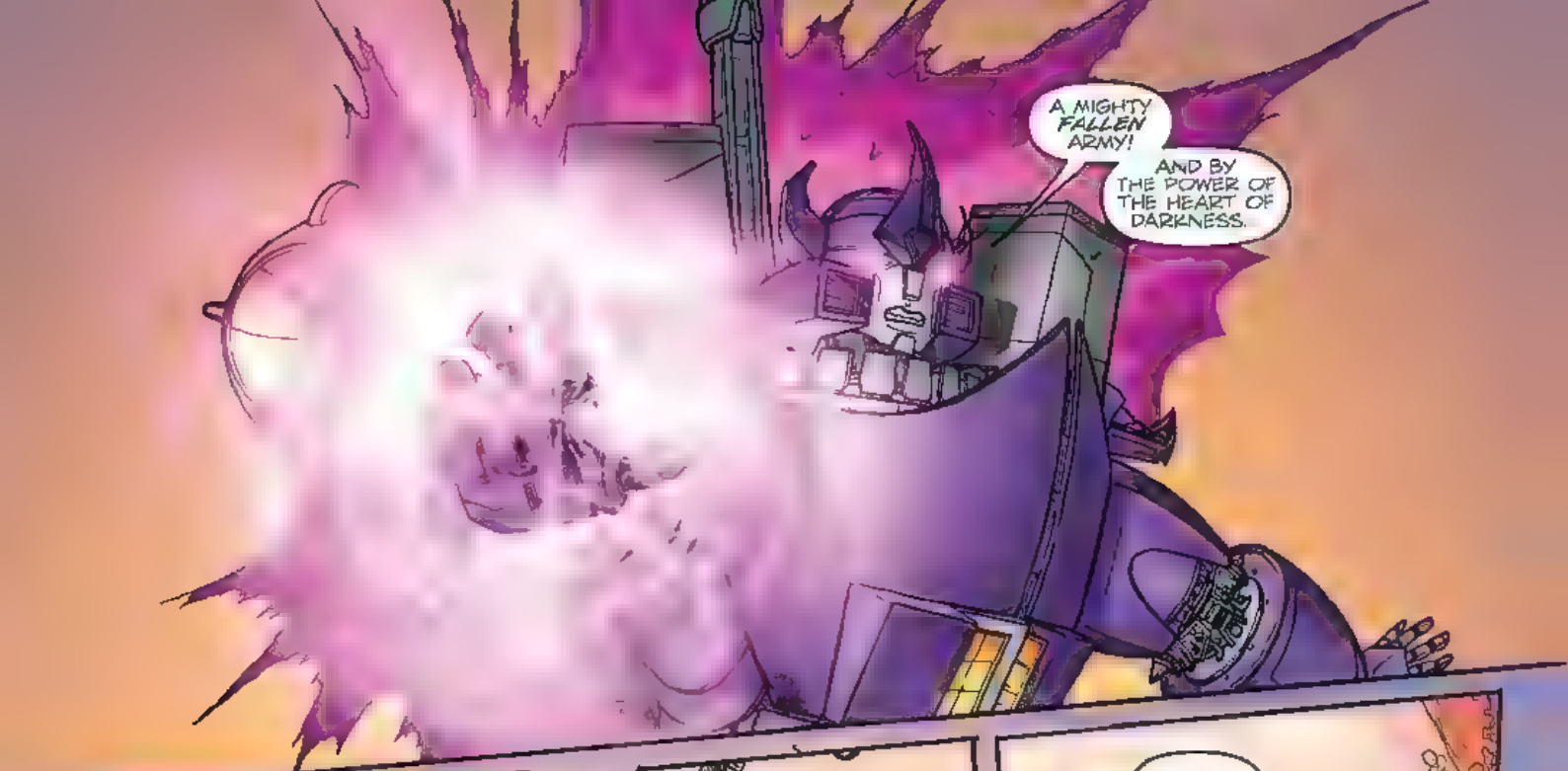
THIS IS
WHERE THE
SHIPBUILDERS
SALVAGED
YOU FROM
THINKECON!

THIS
WAS WHERE
THEY FOUND
YOUR DAMAGED,
UNPOWERED
FORM AND USED IT
TO FORM THE
BASIS OF A
VAPOR SHIP!

SEE
NOW THE
COUNTLESS
DEAD OF
CYBERTRON,
OUR BRETHREN
FALLEN IN THE
OLD WARS?

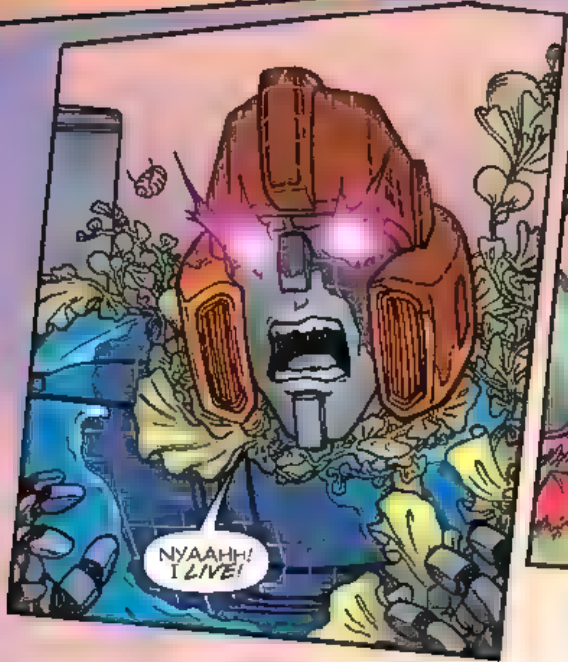
THEIR POWER
EXHAUSTED,
THEY HAVE BEEN
LEFT HERE TO
RUST OR BE
SALVAGED AS
SCRAP LIKE
YOU.



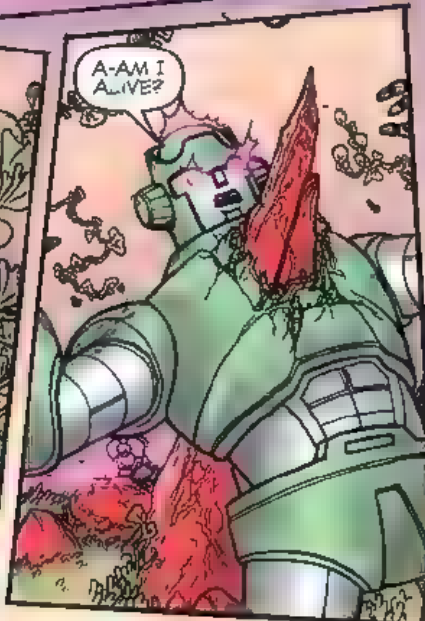


A MIGHTY
FALLEN
ARMY!

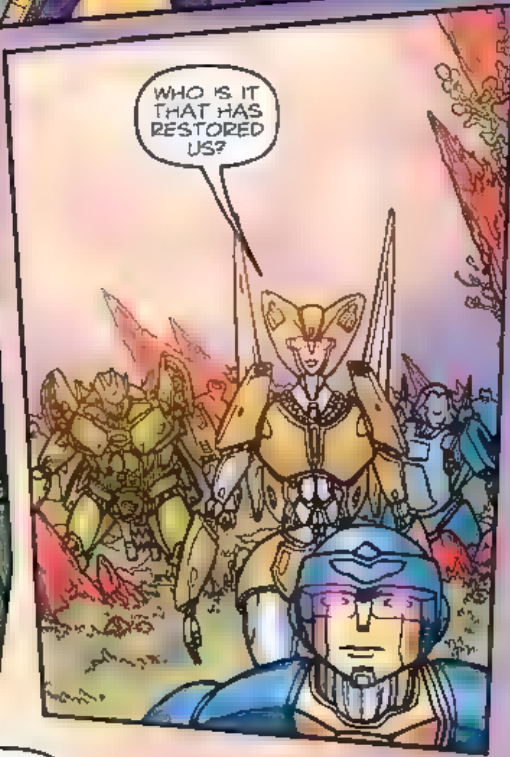
AND BY
THE POWER OF
THE HEART OF
DARKNESS.



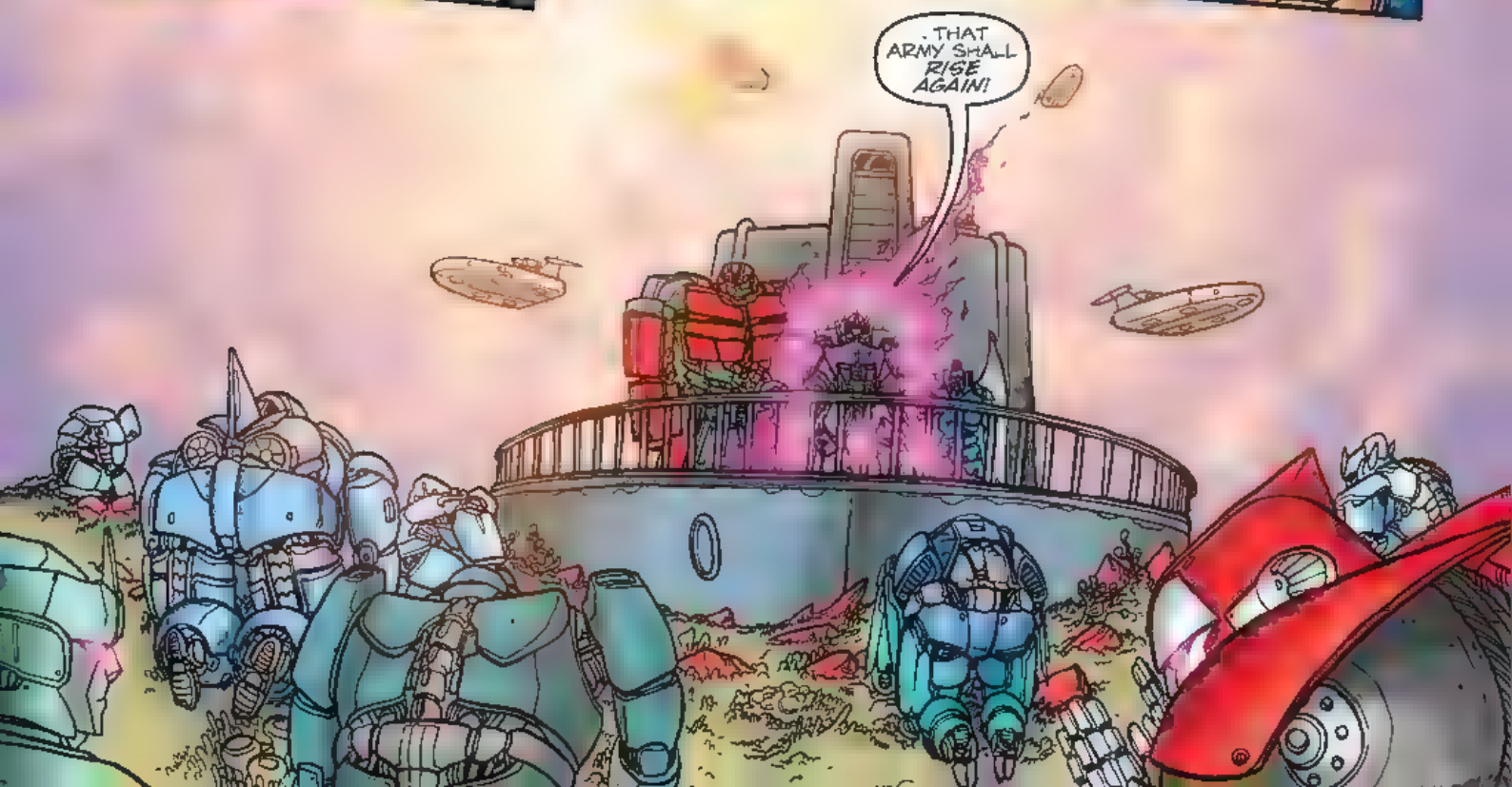
NYAAHH!
I LIVE!



A-AM I
ALIVE?



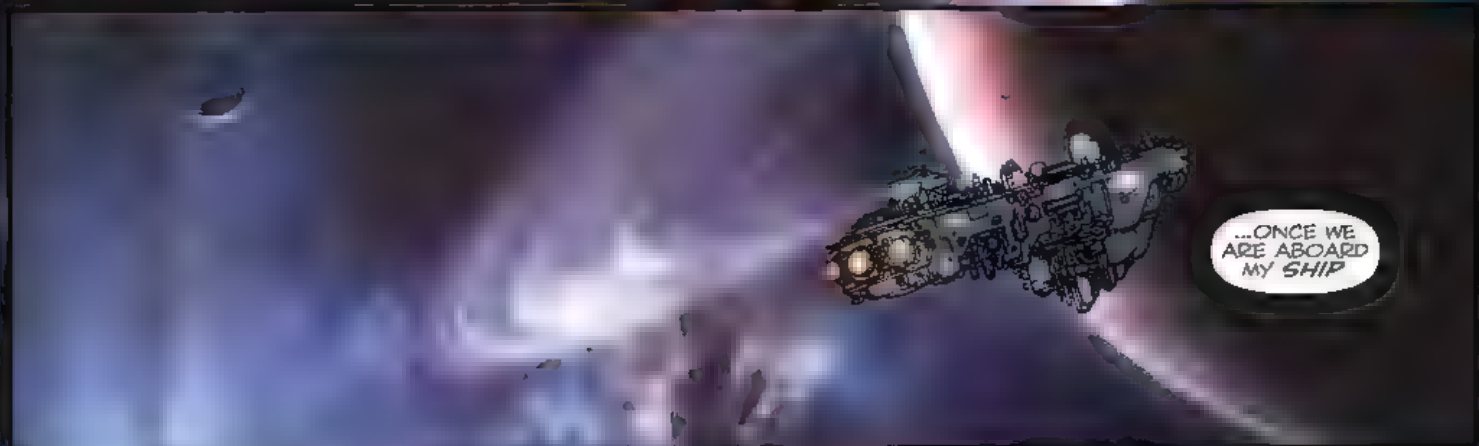
WHO IS IT
THAT HAS
RESTORED
US?



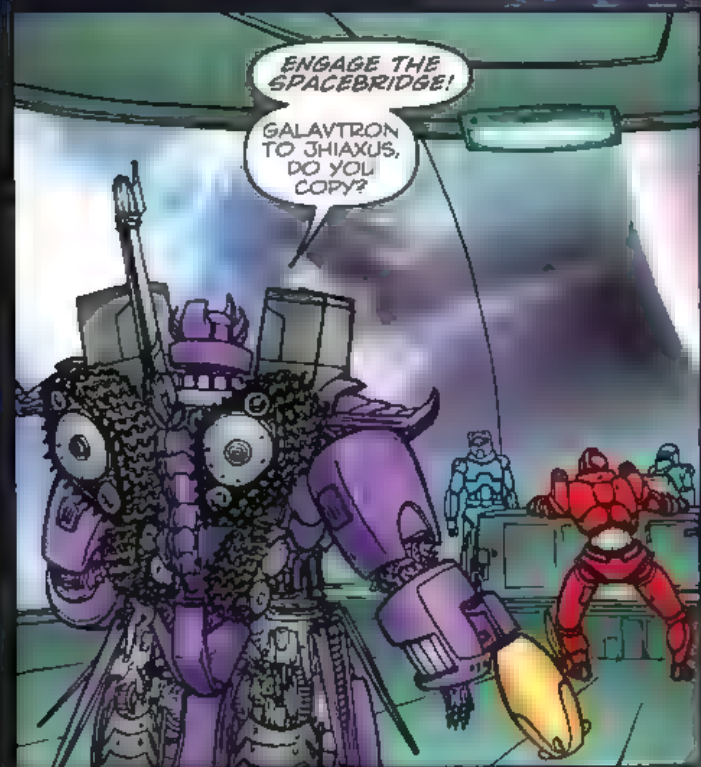
THAT
ARMY SHALL
RISE
AGAIN!



FOLLOW
ME, FRIENDS.
ALL WILL BE
EXPLAINED...



...ONCE WE
ARE ABOARD
MY SHIP



ENGAGE THE
SPACEBRIDGE!

GALVATRON
TO JHIAXUS,
DO YOU
COPY?



JHIAXUS
HERE, AT
SPACEBRIDGE
WEB LINK
CONTROL.

YOU ARE AT
THE FARTHEST
EXTREMITY OF
THE SPACEBRIDGE
NETWORK I AM
RECONSTRUCTING,
GALVATRON, BUT
THE WAY IS CLEAR
FOR YOU.



NOW,
RETURN
TO US HERE
AT GORLAM
PRIME!



MY FRIENDS
WE ARE NOW
IN TRANSIT VIA
SPACEBRIDGE
TO THE WORLD
OF GORLAM
PRIME.

GORLAM PRIME
IS THE CURRENT
HEADQUARTERS
OF THE ARMY I
AM BUILDING.

I CAME TO
SPINDRIFT TO
FIND YOU ALL
TO RENEW YOU ALL
WITH POWER. JUST
AS I DID SCOURGE
AND CYCLONJES,
WHO I FOUND AMID
GORLAM PRIME'S
RUINS.

BUT
ASIDE ALL
THOUGHTS OF
THE OLD CIVIL
WAR.

I
NEED EVERY
ONE OF YOU,
AUTOBOT AND
DECEPTICON
ALIKE!

OUR
ANCIENT
ENMITY IS
LONG
PAST.

ONLY THE
FUTURE
REMAINS!

A GREAT
THREAT IS
RISING, A FORCE
THAT WILL MENACE
THE ENTIRE
GALAXY.

IT IS KNOWN
AS D-VOID!
IT FEEDS UPON
THE ROBOTIC
SPARK OF
LIFE!

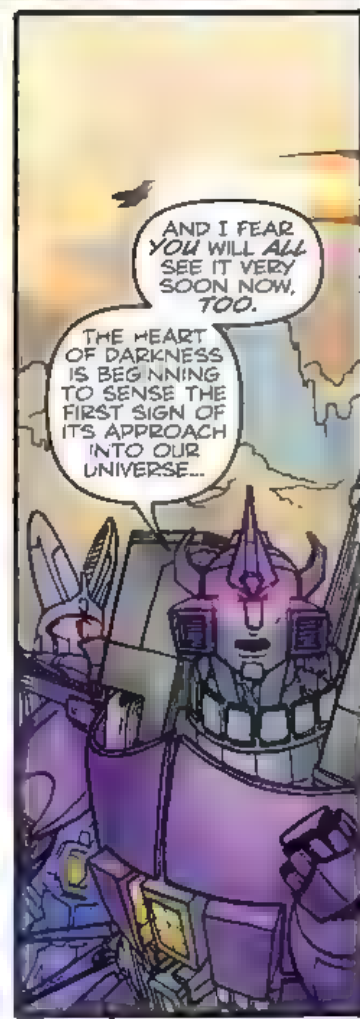
TO
PREPARE
AGAINST ITS
COMING, I HAVE
SET OUT TO RAISE
AN ARMY TO
STAND IN ITS
WAY.

USING THE
SPACEBRIDGE, I
HAVE VISITED MANY
DIFFERENT WORLDS,
RESURRECTING OUR
FALLEN OR LOST LIVES,
OR RECRUITING
ROBOTIC LIFE FORMS
FROM OTHER
RACES.

A MILLION
STANDING, WE
STAND READY
TO FACE THE
GREATEST
BATTLE OF
OUR LIVES.

GORLAM PRIME.

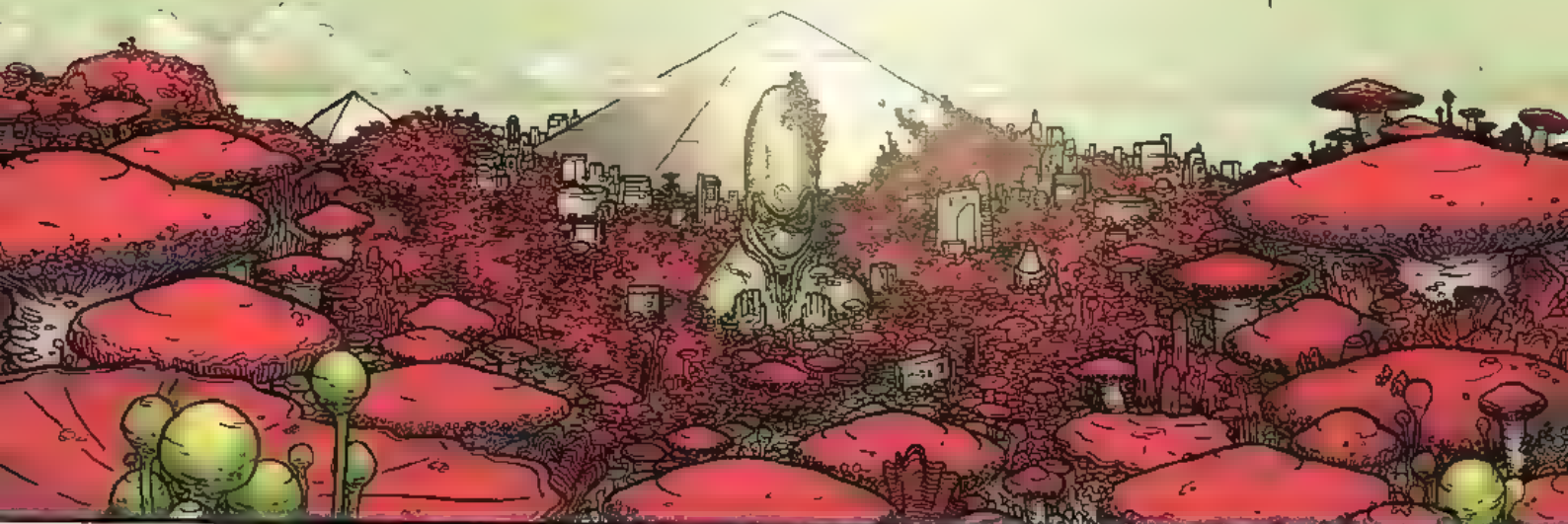
YOU HAVE
RAISED AN
IMPRESSIVE HOST,
GALVATRON...



...ON THE REMOTE
PLANET DYKAYRA™

BEHOLD,
GALVATRON
ANALYSIS SHOWS
THOSE ANCIENT RUINS
WERE *CLEARLY* BUILT BY
THE *SAME* RACE THAT
CONSTRUCTED THE
FOSSIL CITIES BENEATH
GORLAM PRIME.

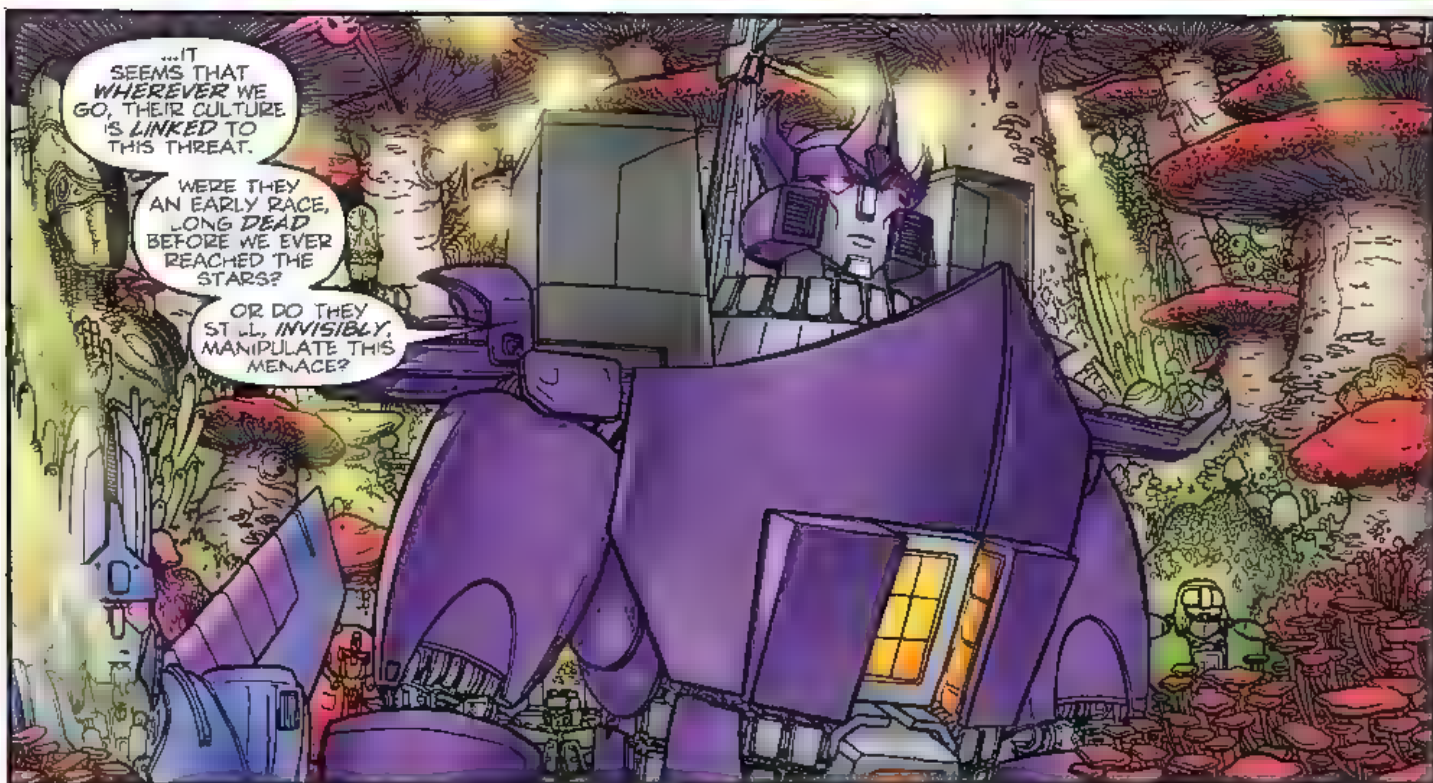
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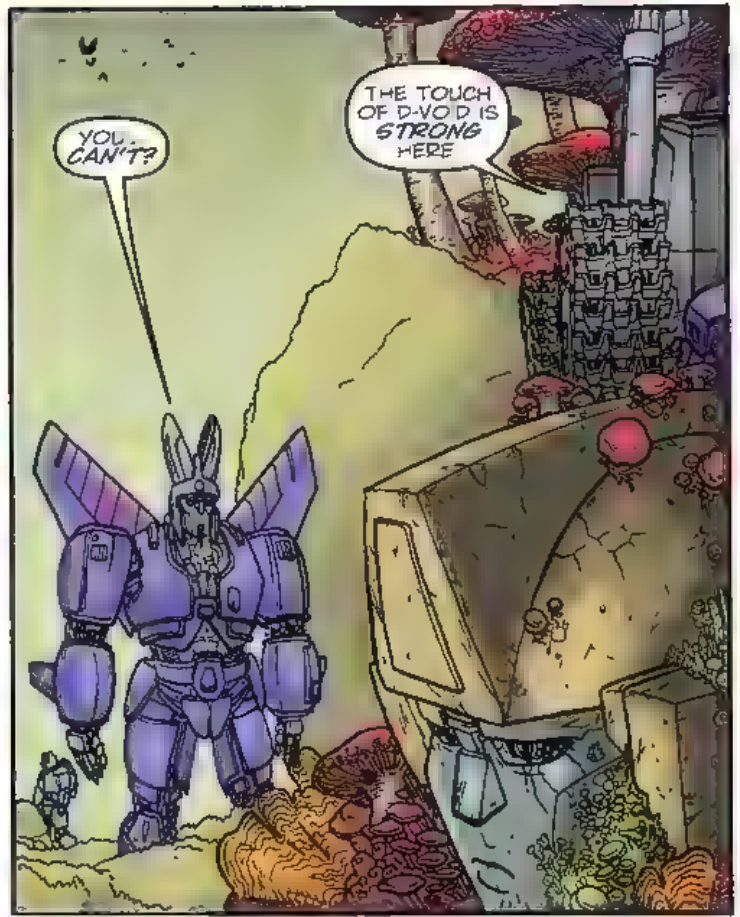
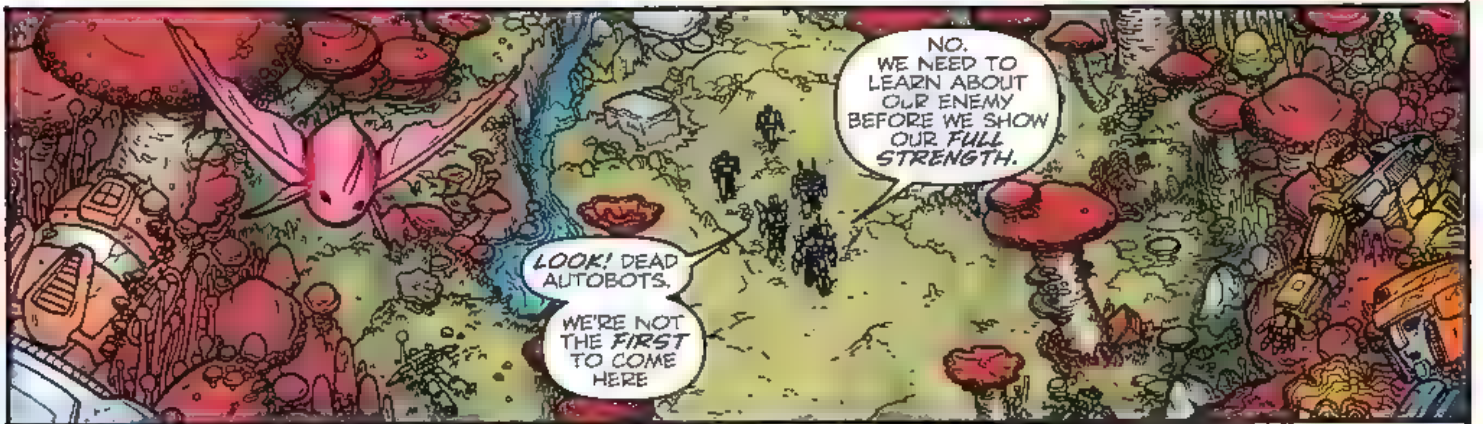
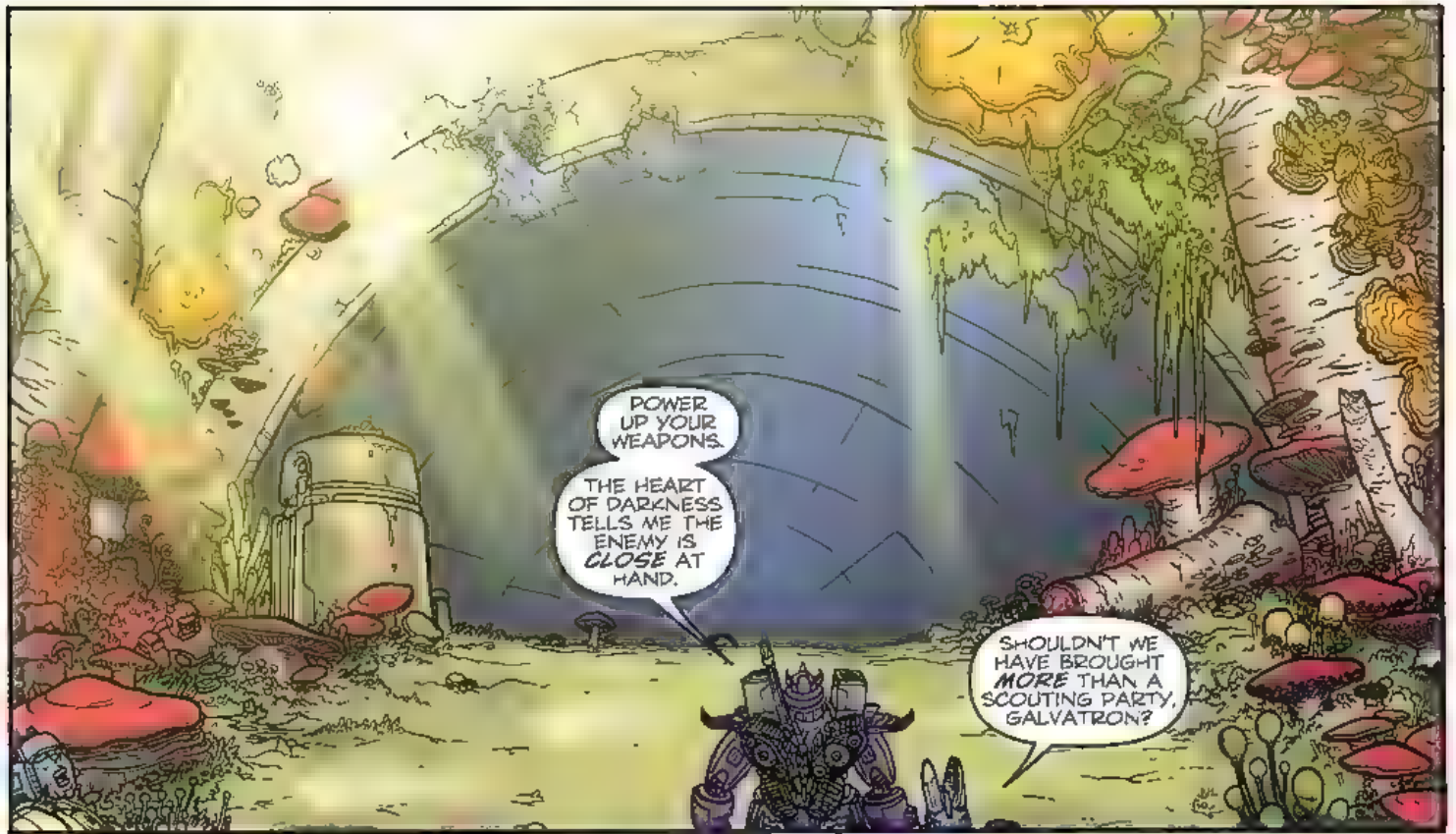


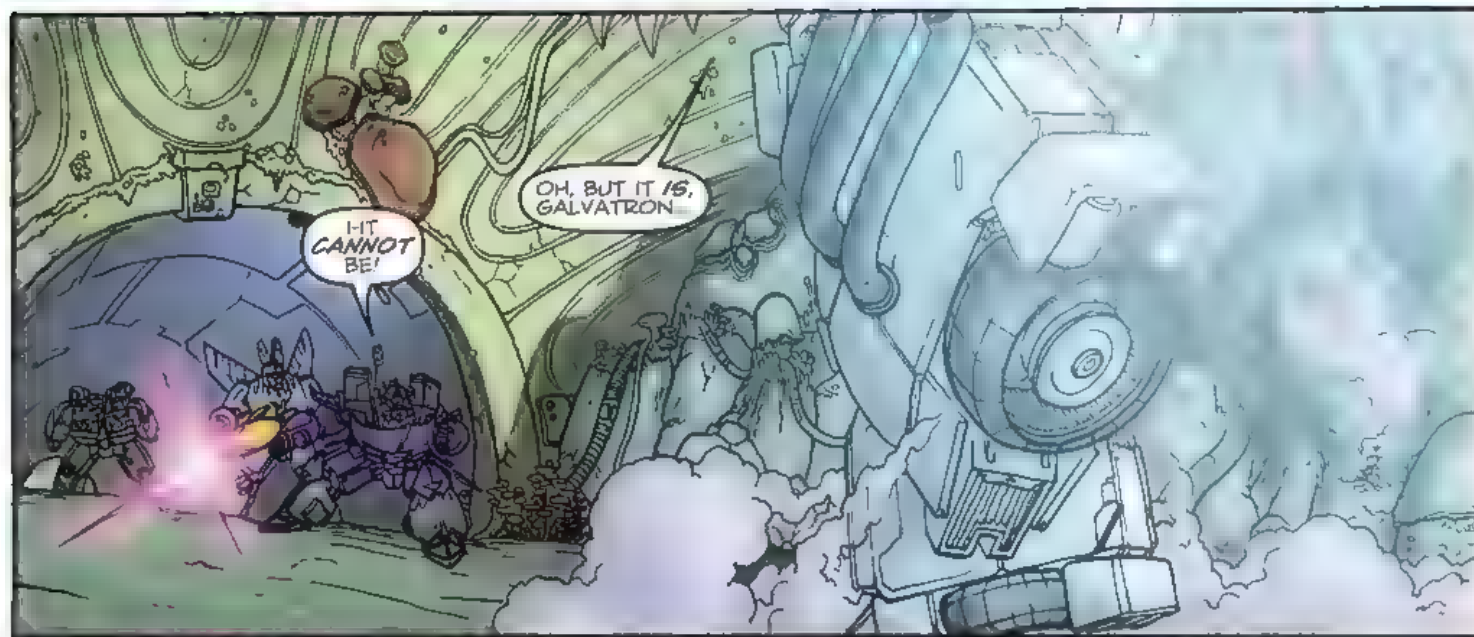
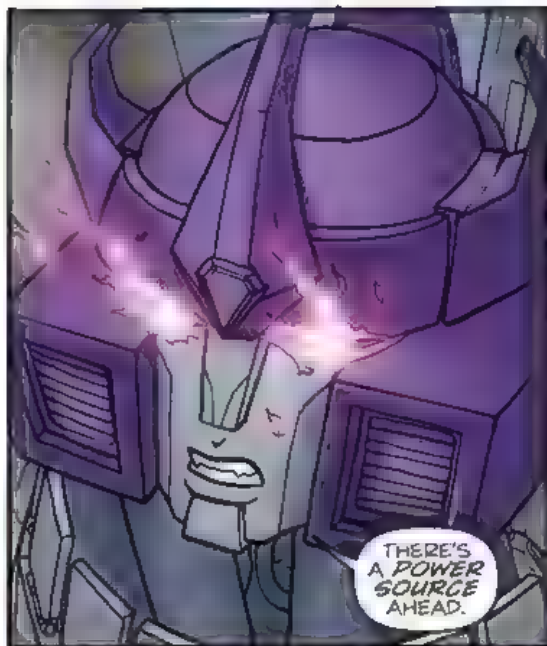
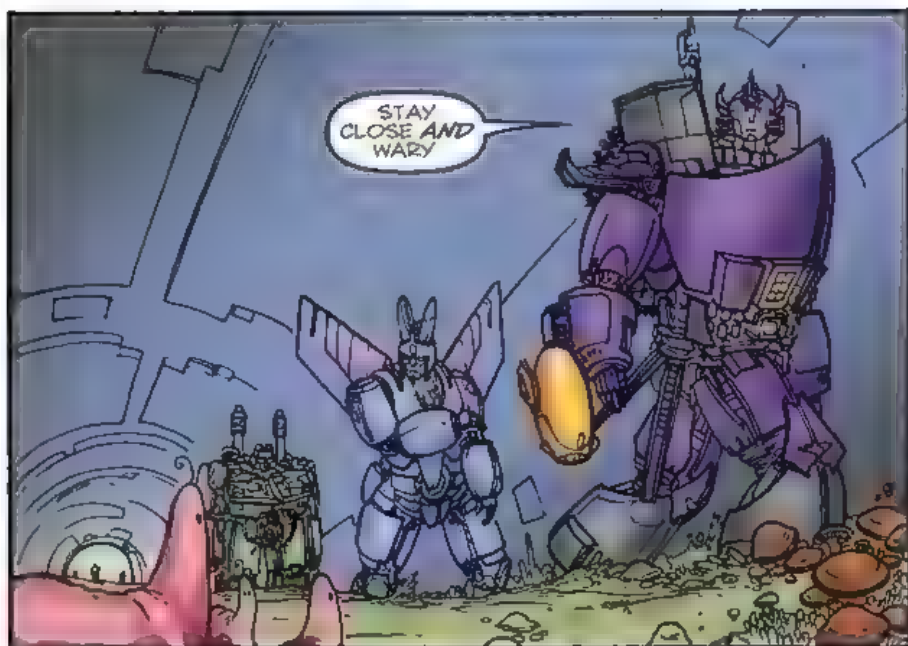
...IT
SEEMS THAT
WHEREVER WE
GO, THEIR CULTURE
IS LINKED TO
THIS THREAT.

WERE THEY
AN EARLY RACE,
LONG DEAD
BEFORE WE EVER
REACHED THE
STARS?

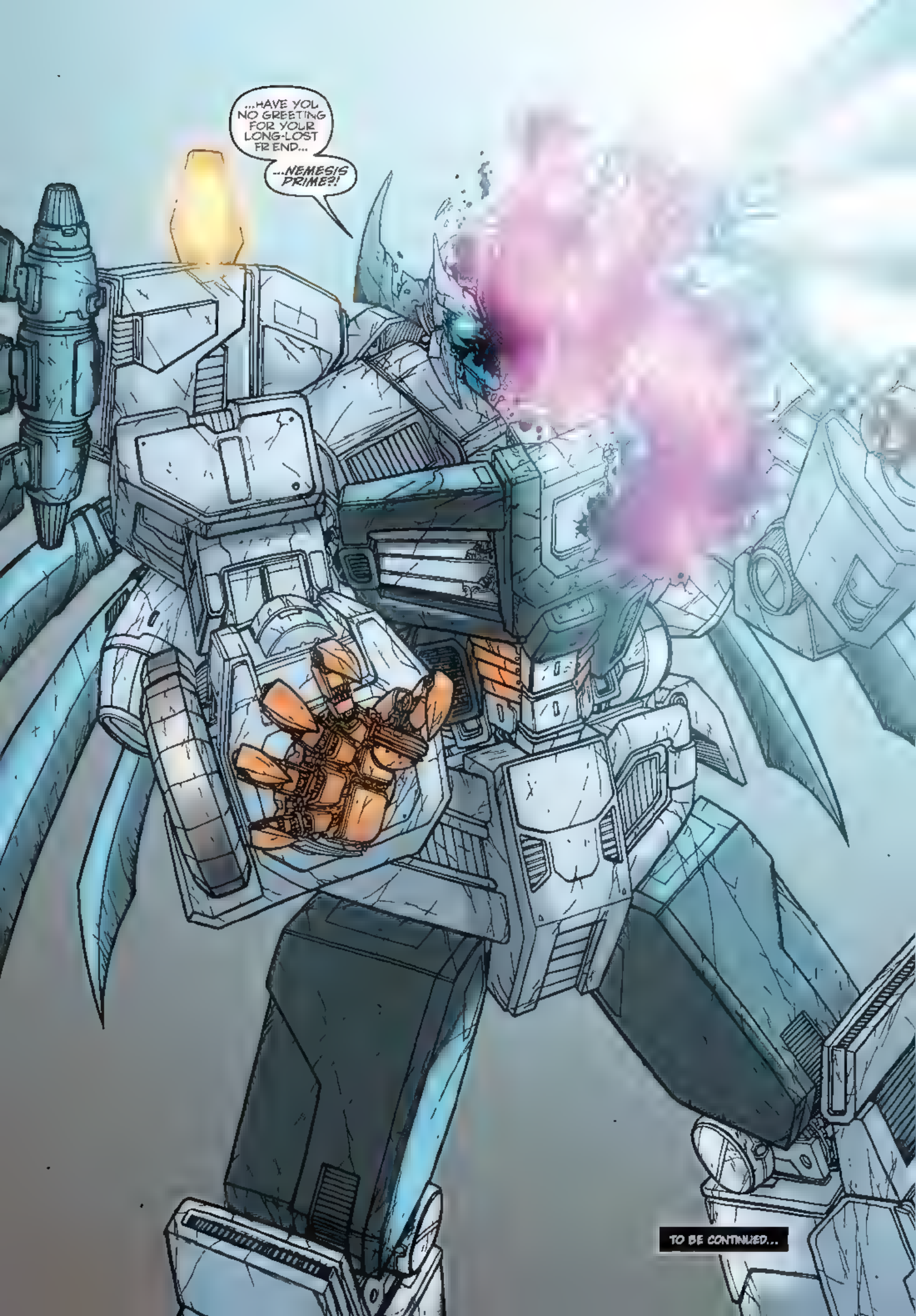
OR DO THEY
STILL, *INVISIBLY*,
MANIPULATE THIS
MENACE?







...HAVE YOU
NO GREETING
FOR YOUR
LONG-LOST
FRIEND...
...NEMESIS
PRIME?!



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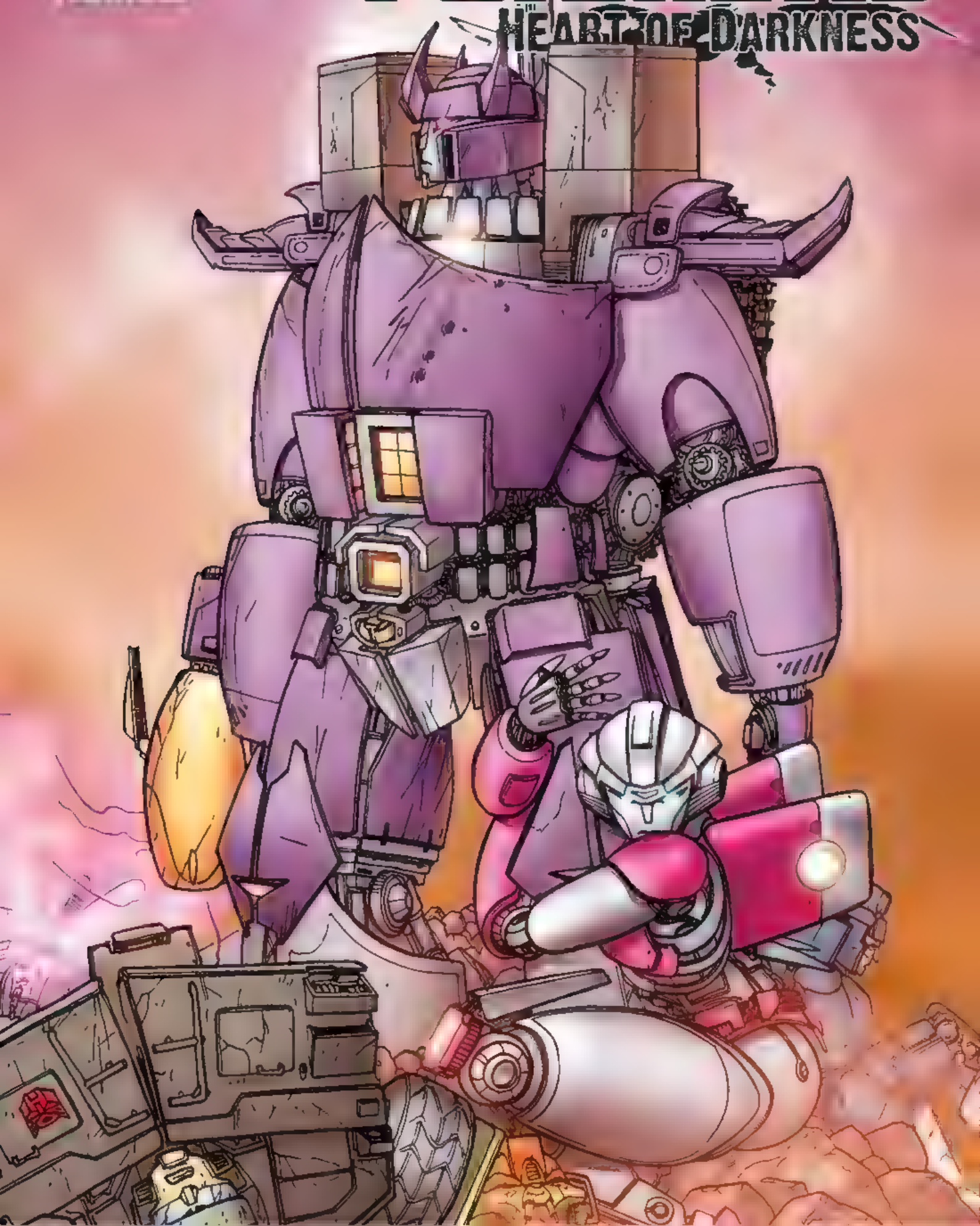
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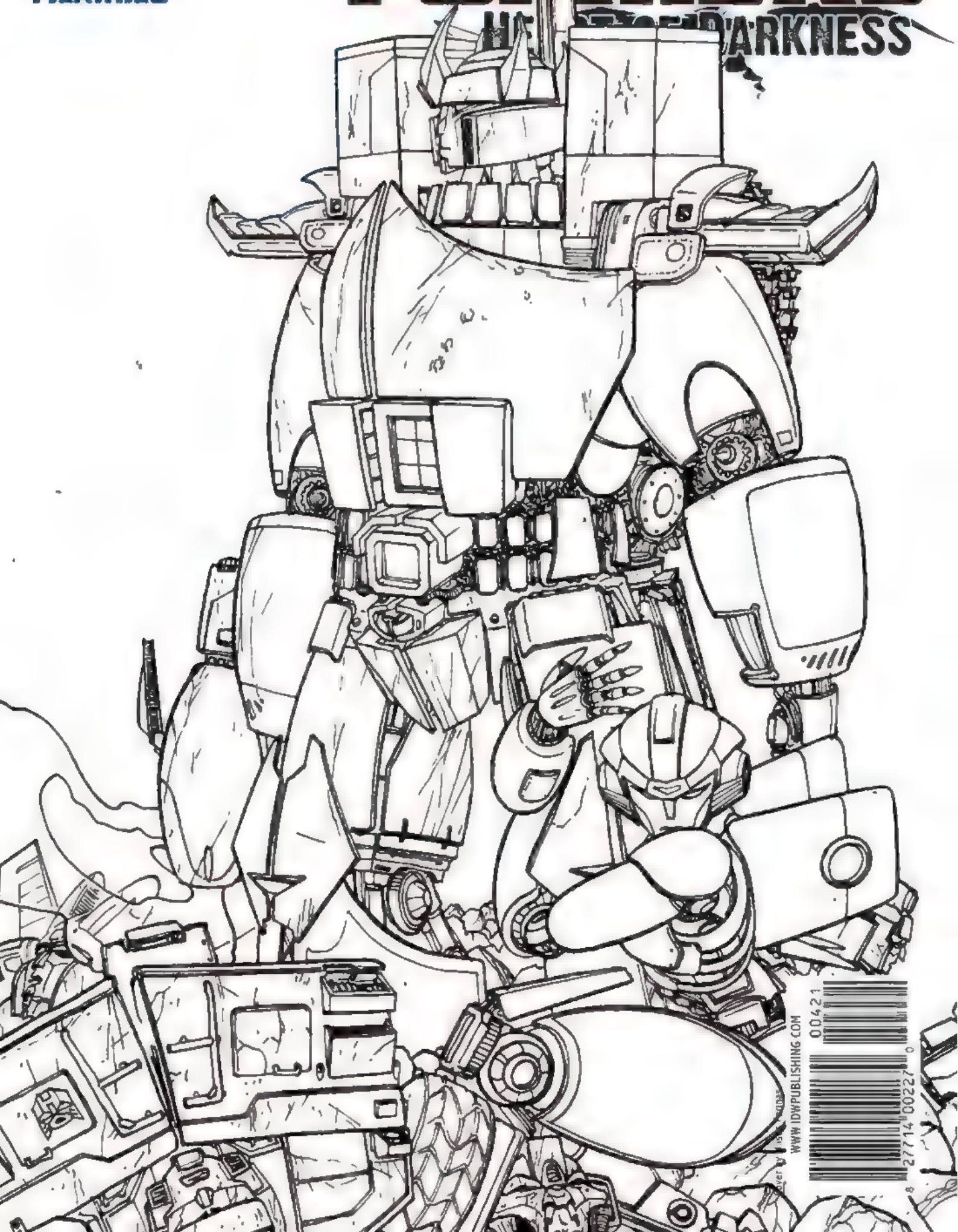


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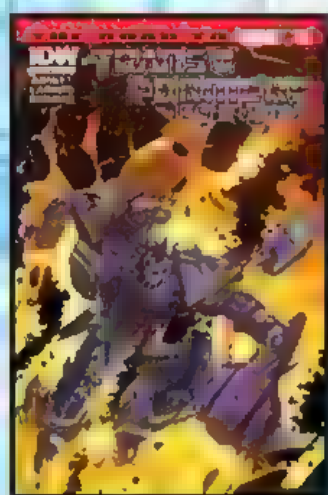
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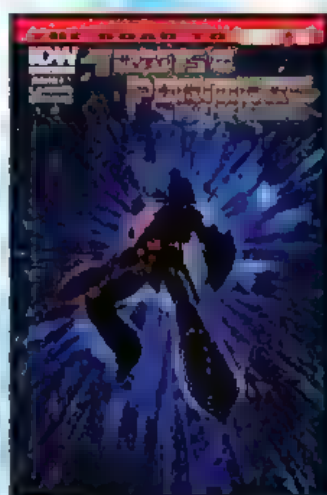
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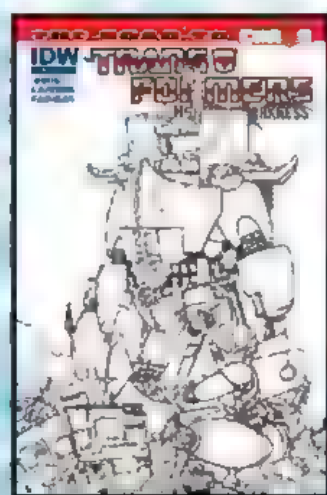
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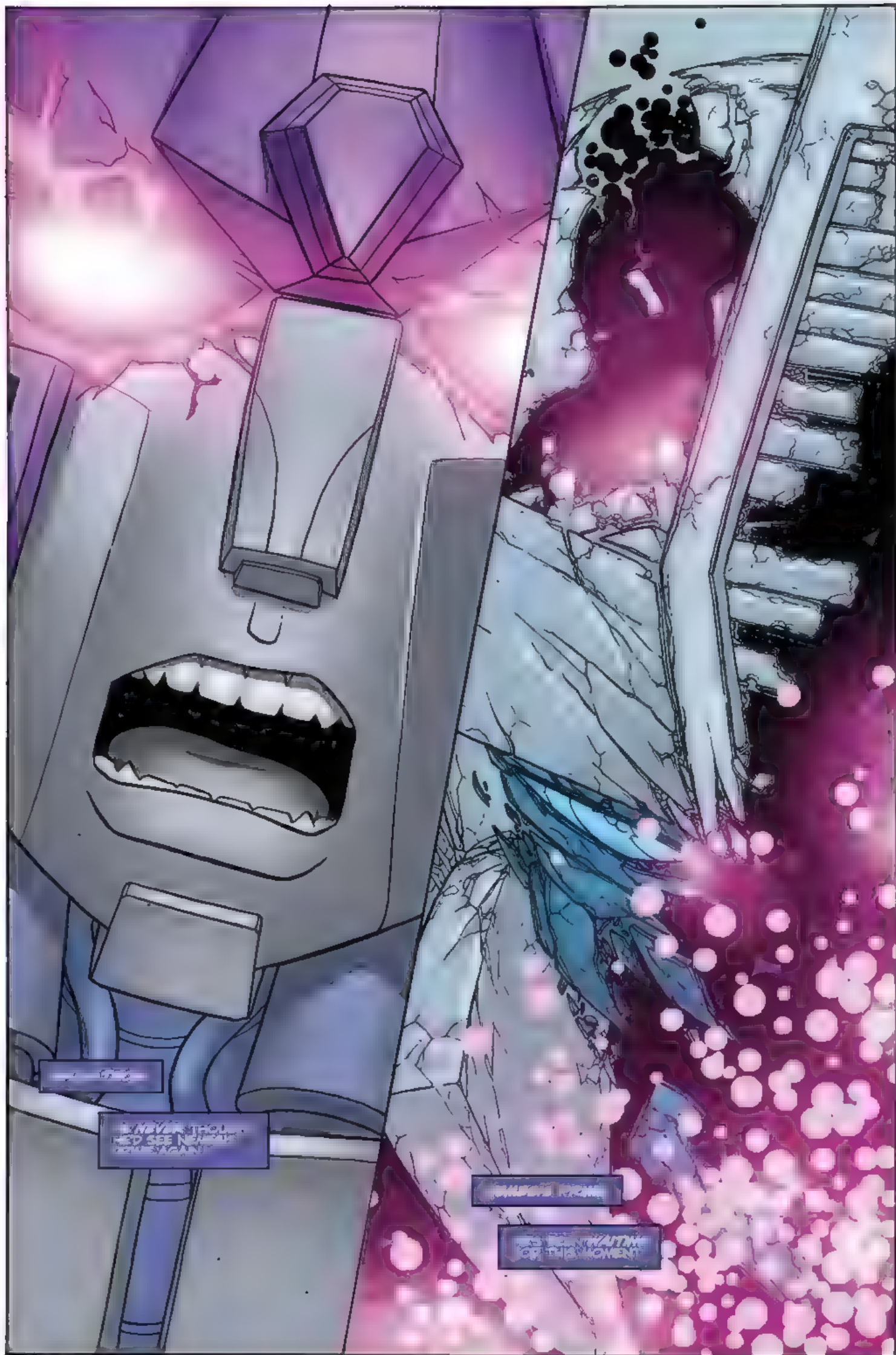


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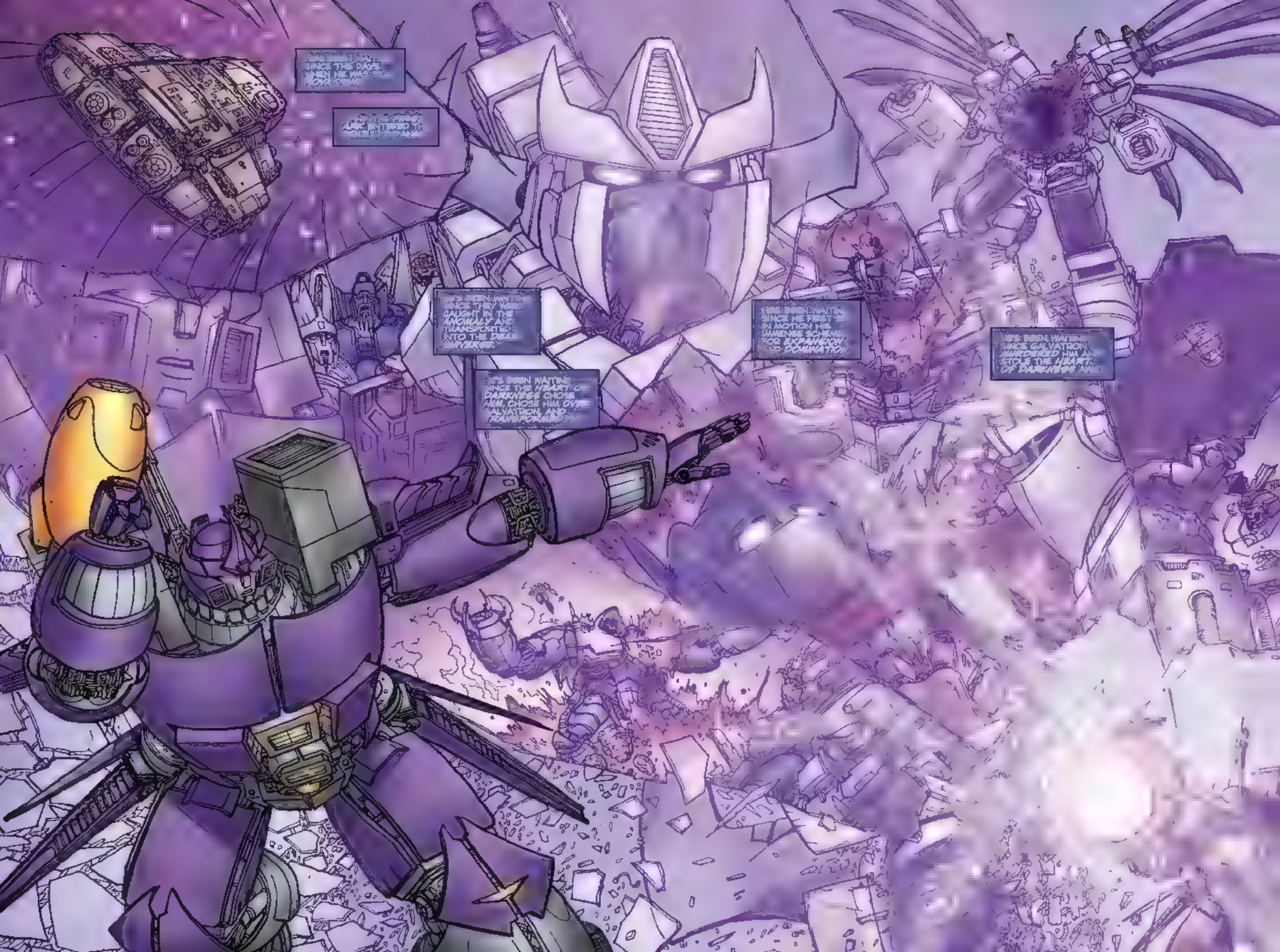
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NEVER
HAD SEEN
ANYTHING

WAS THE
FIRST TIME

THE
MOMENT
OF THIS MOMENT



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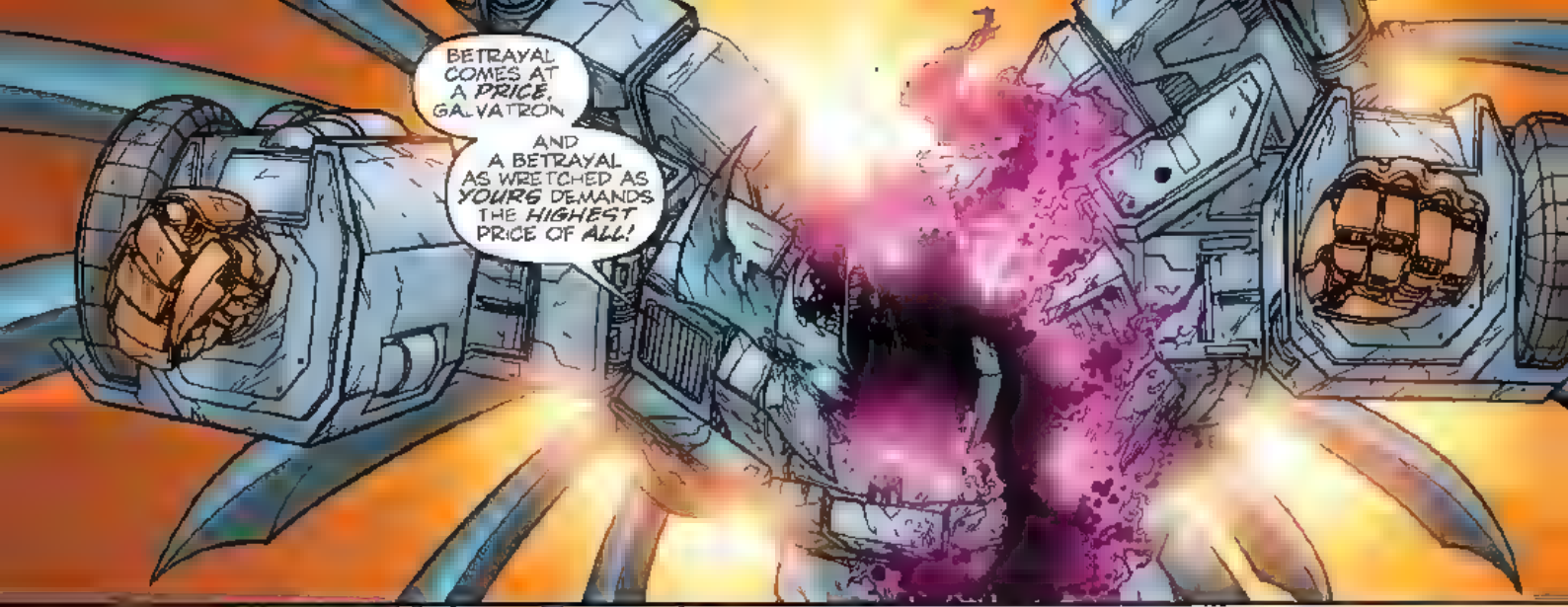
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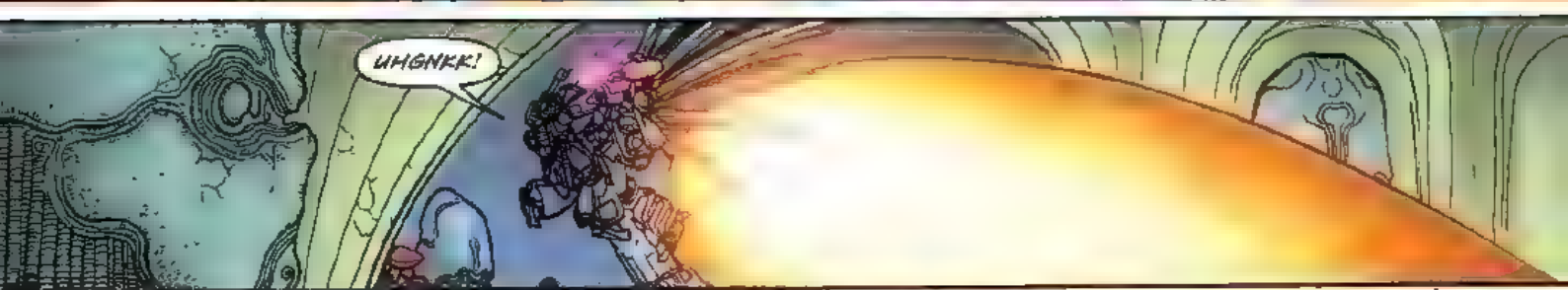
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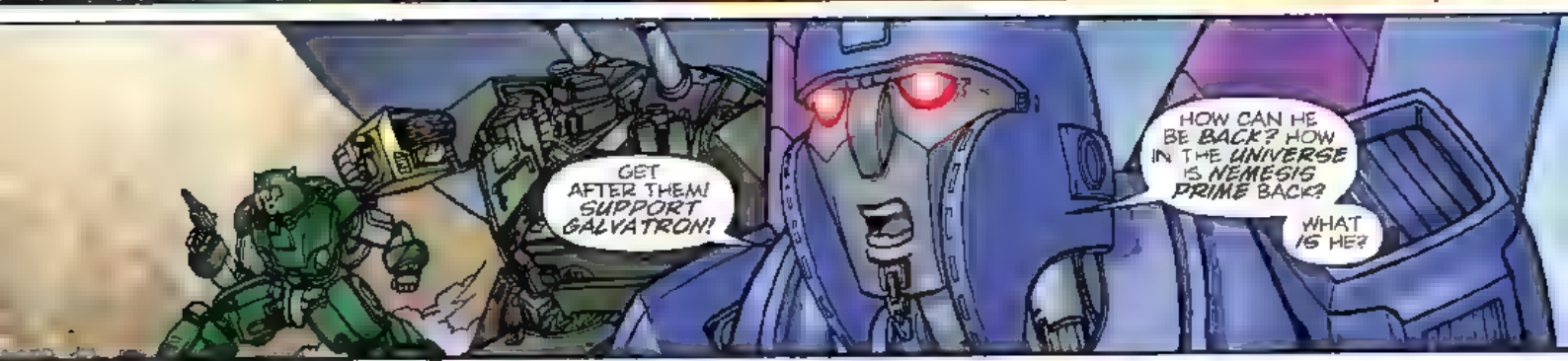


BETRAYAL
COMES AT
A PRICE,
GALVATRON

AND
A BETRAYAL
AS WRETCHED AS
YOUR DEMANDS
THE HIGHEST
PRICE OF ALL!



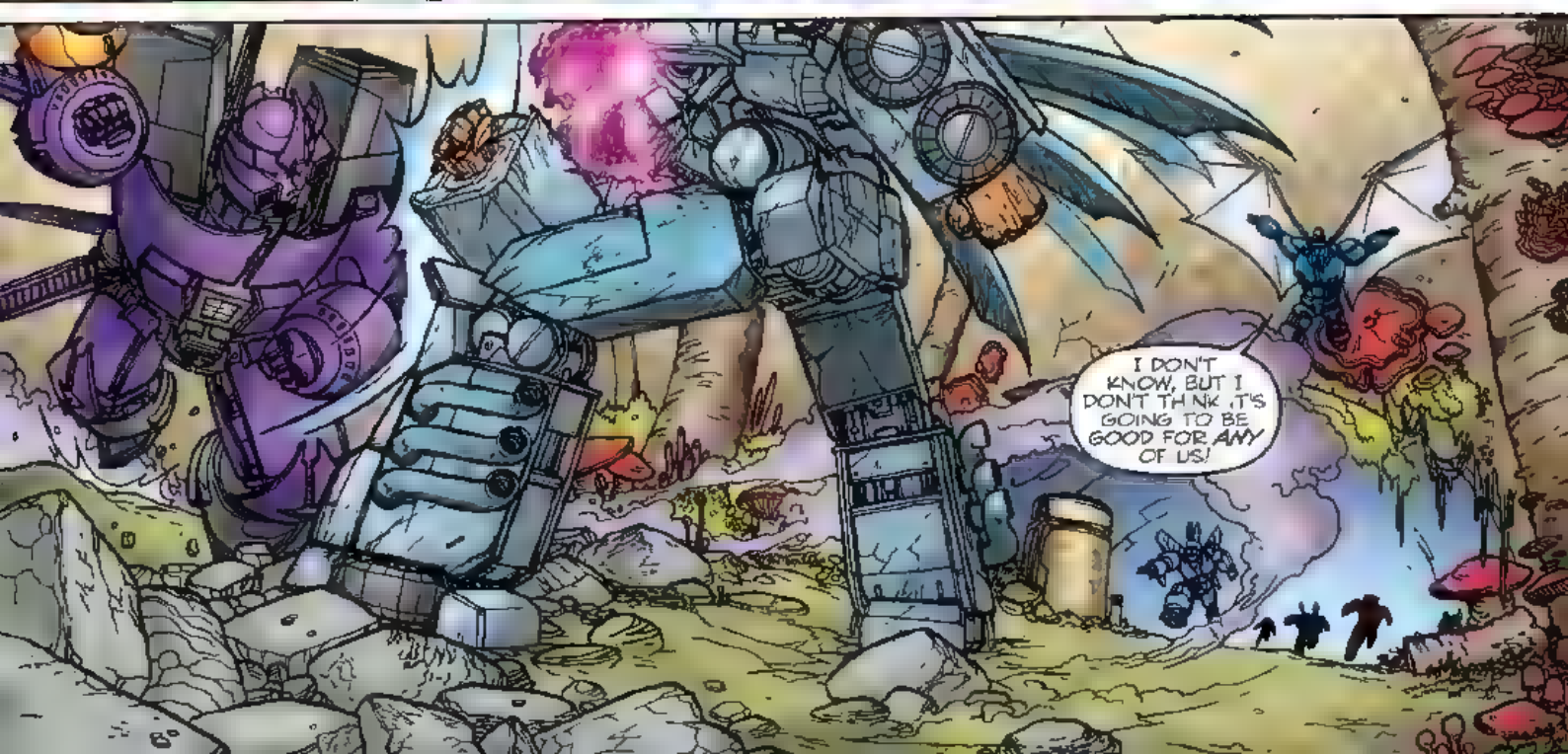
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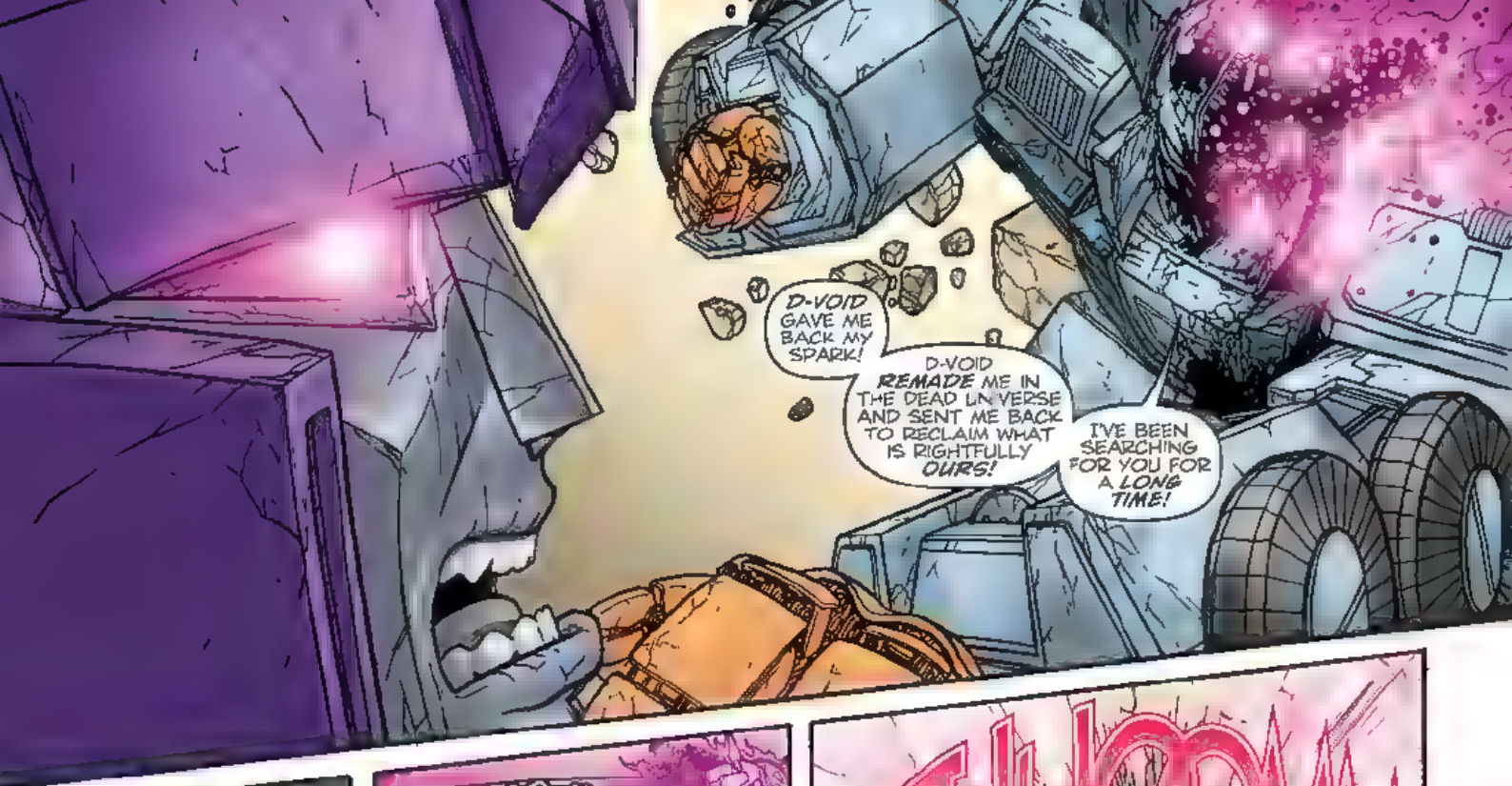
GET
AFTER THEM!
SUPPORT
GALVATRON!

HOW CAN HE
BE BACK? HOW
IN THE UNIVERSE
IS NEMESIS
PRIME BACK?

WHAT
IS HE?



I DON'T
KNOW, BUT I
DON'T THINK IT'S
GOING TO BE
GOOD FOR ANY
OF US!



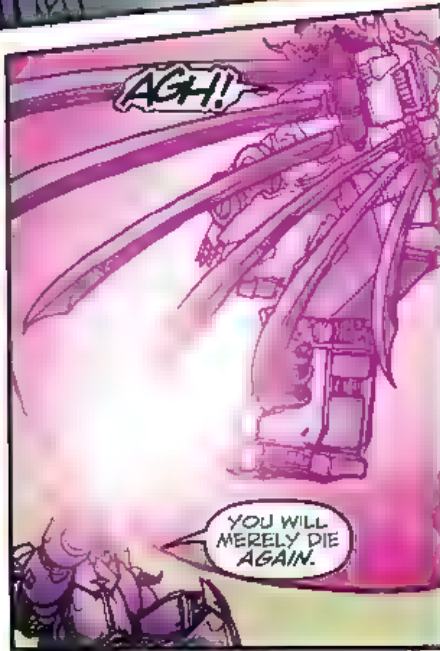
D-VOID
GAVE ME
BACK MY
SPARK!

D-VOID
REMADE ME IN
THE DEAD UNIVERSE
AND SENT ME BACK
TO RECLAIM WHAT
IS RIGHTFULLY
OURS!

I'VE BEEN
SEARCHING
FOR YOU FOR
A LONG
TIME!

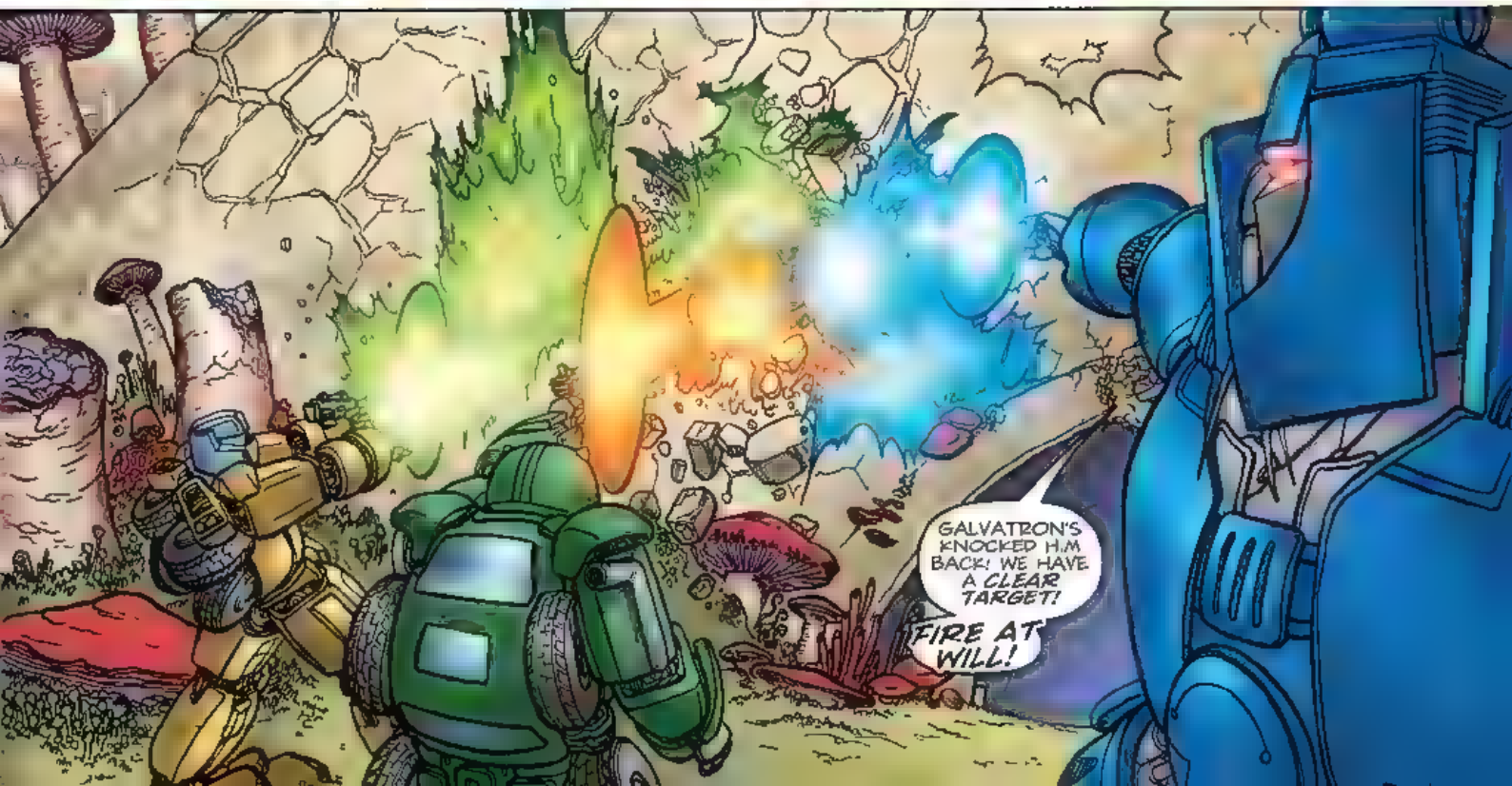
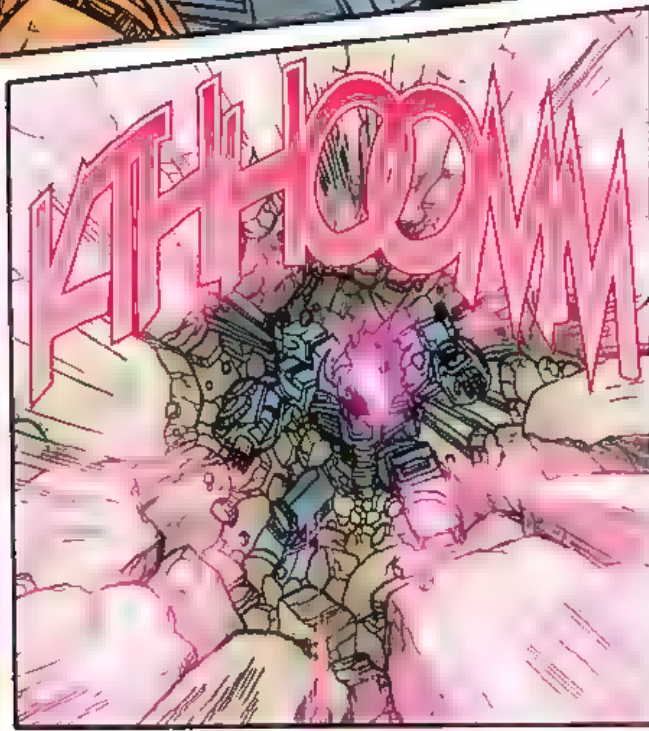


UGHNNNG!



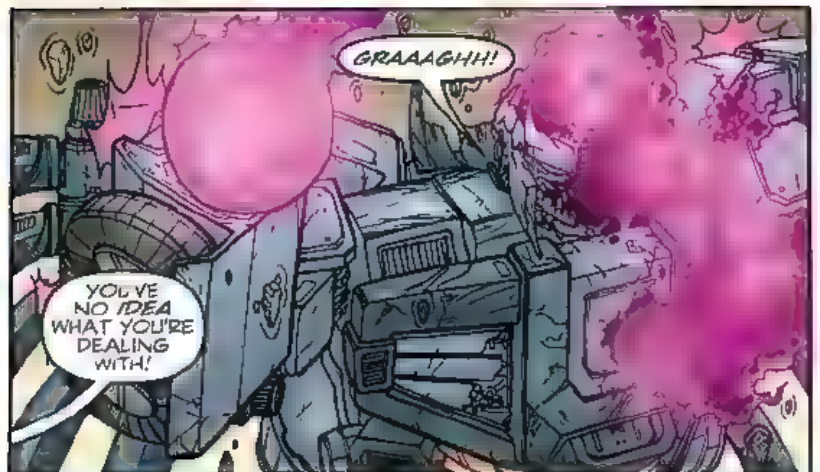
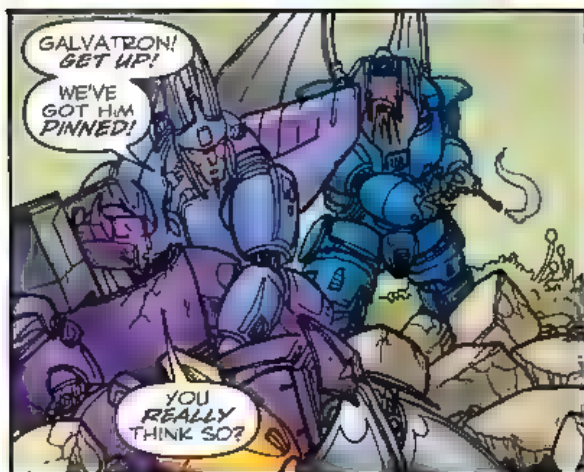
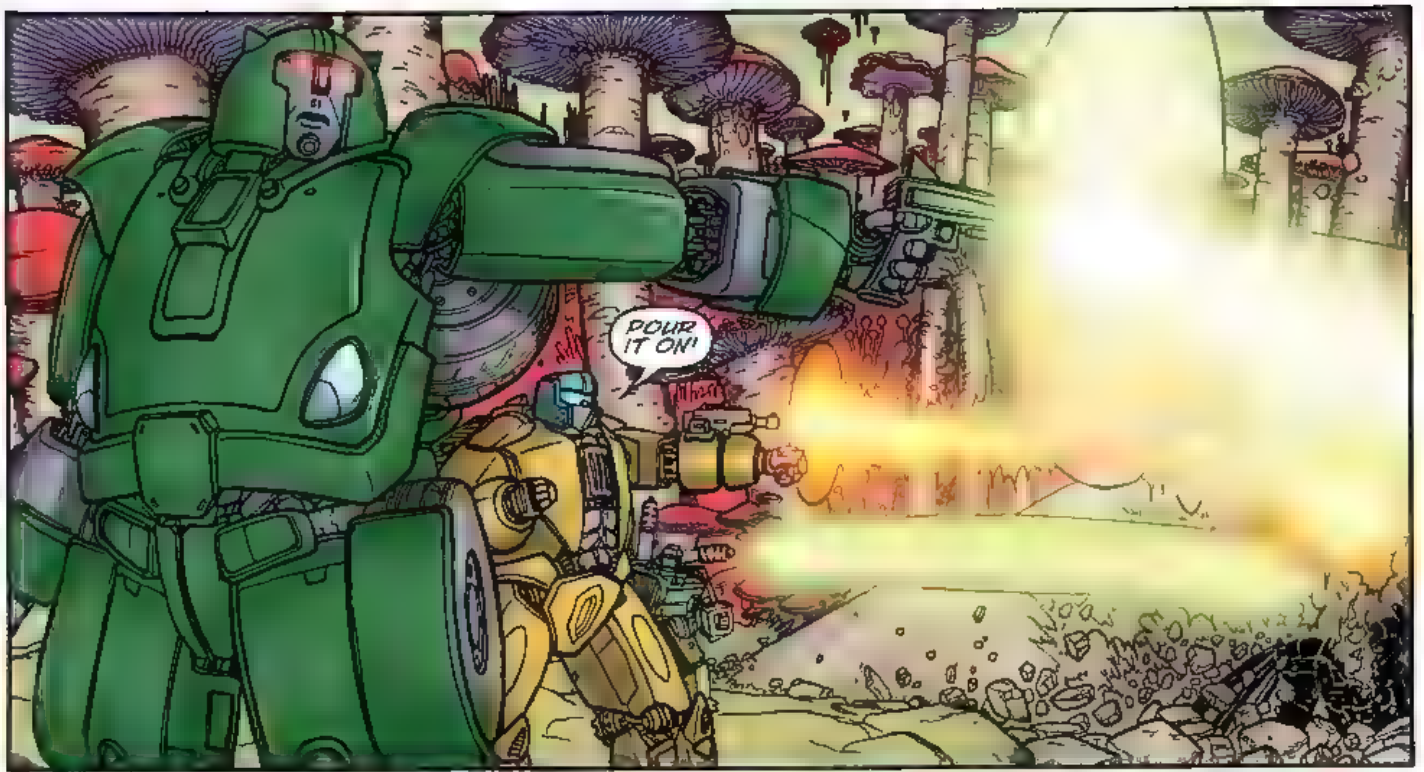
AGH!

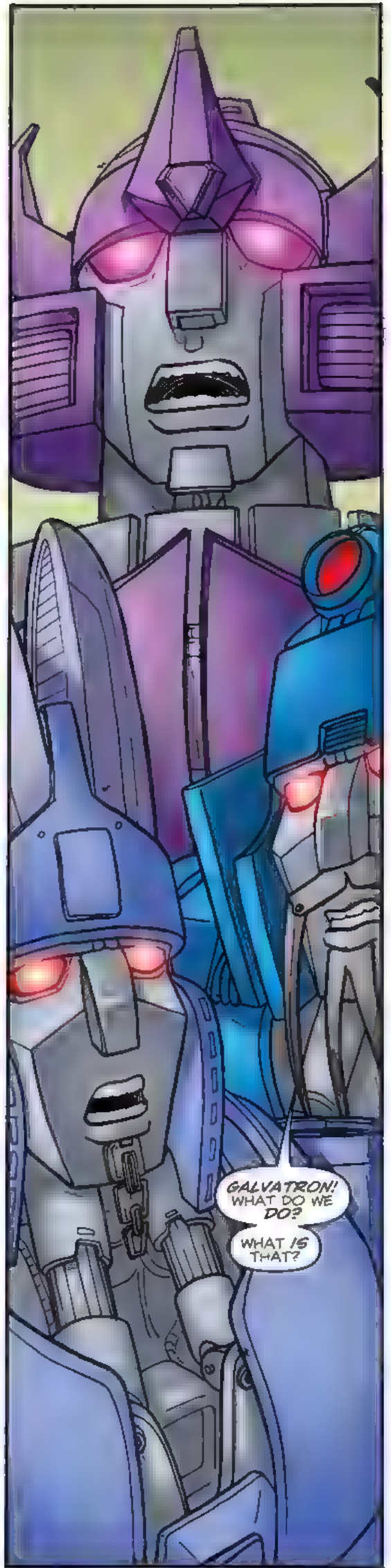
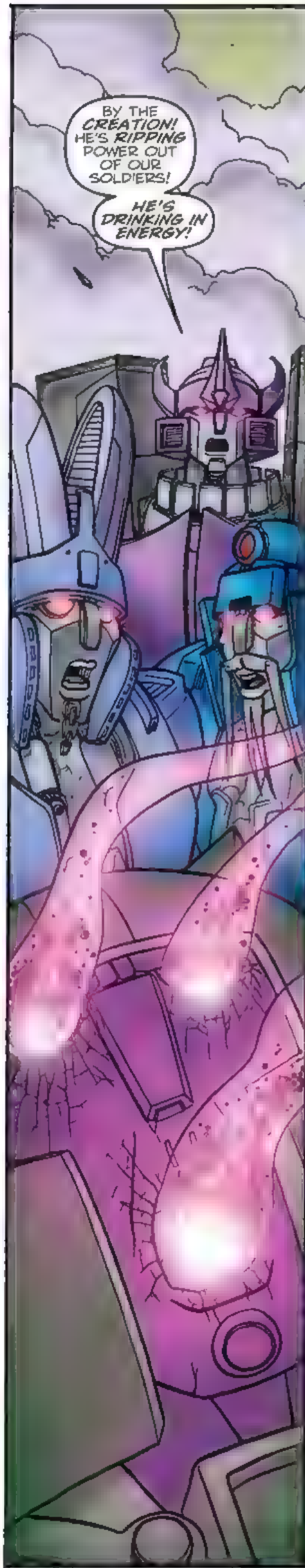
YOU WILL
MERELY DIE
AGAIN.

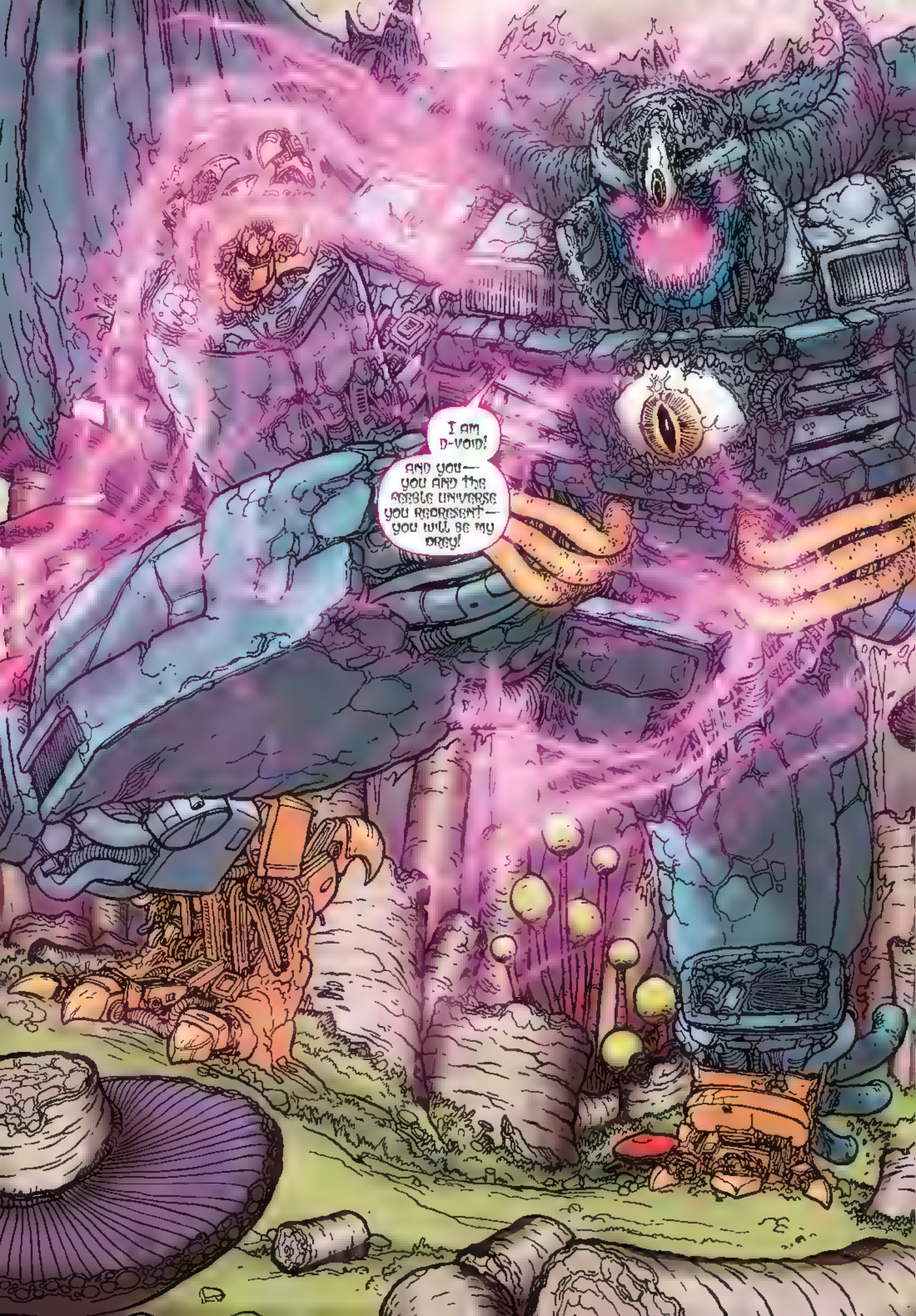


GALVATRON'S
KNOCKED H.M.
BACK! WE HAVE
A CLEAR
TARGET!

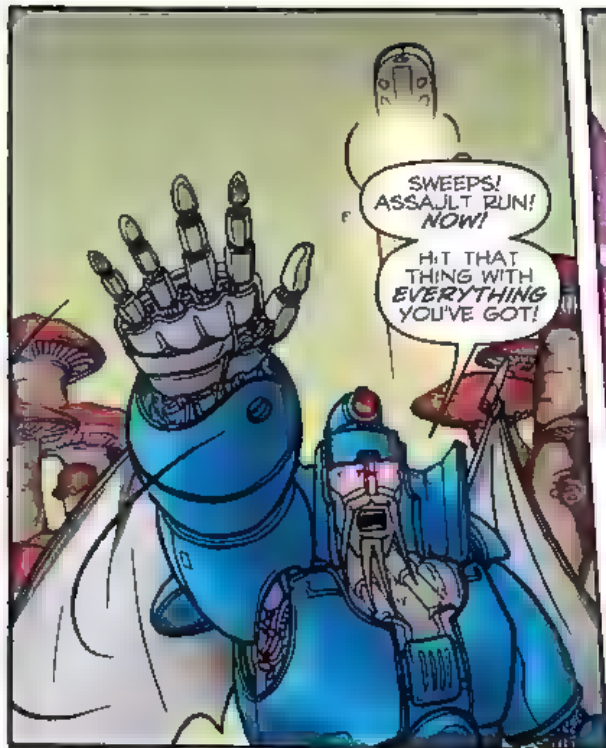
FIRE AT
WILL!





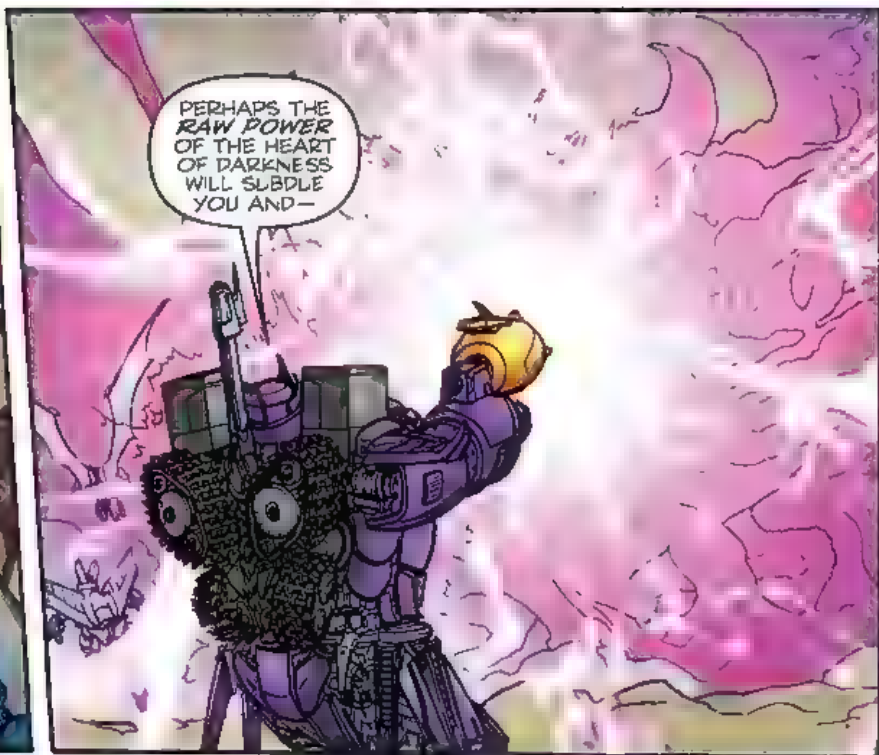


I AM
D-VOID!
AND YOU—
YOU AND THE
WHOLE UNIVERSE
YOU REPRESENT—
YOU WILL BE MY
PREY!

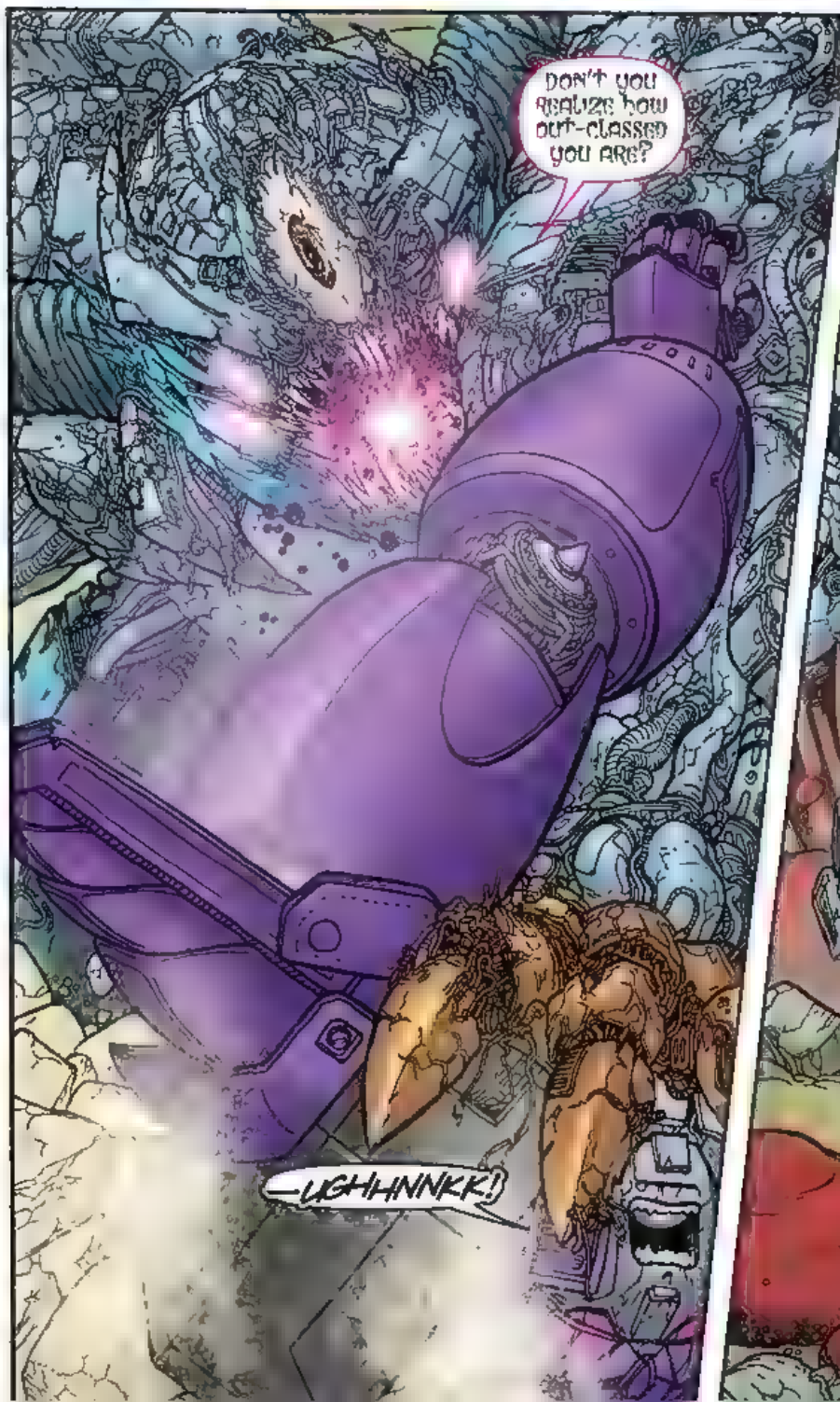


SWEEPS!
ASSAULT RUN!
NOW!

HIT THAT
THING WITH
EVERYTHING
YOU'VE GOT!

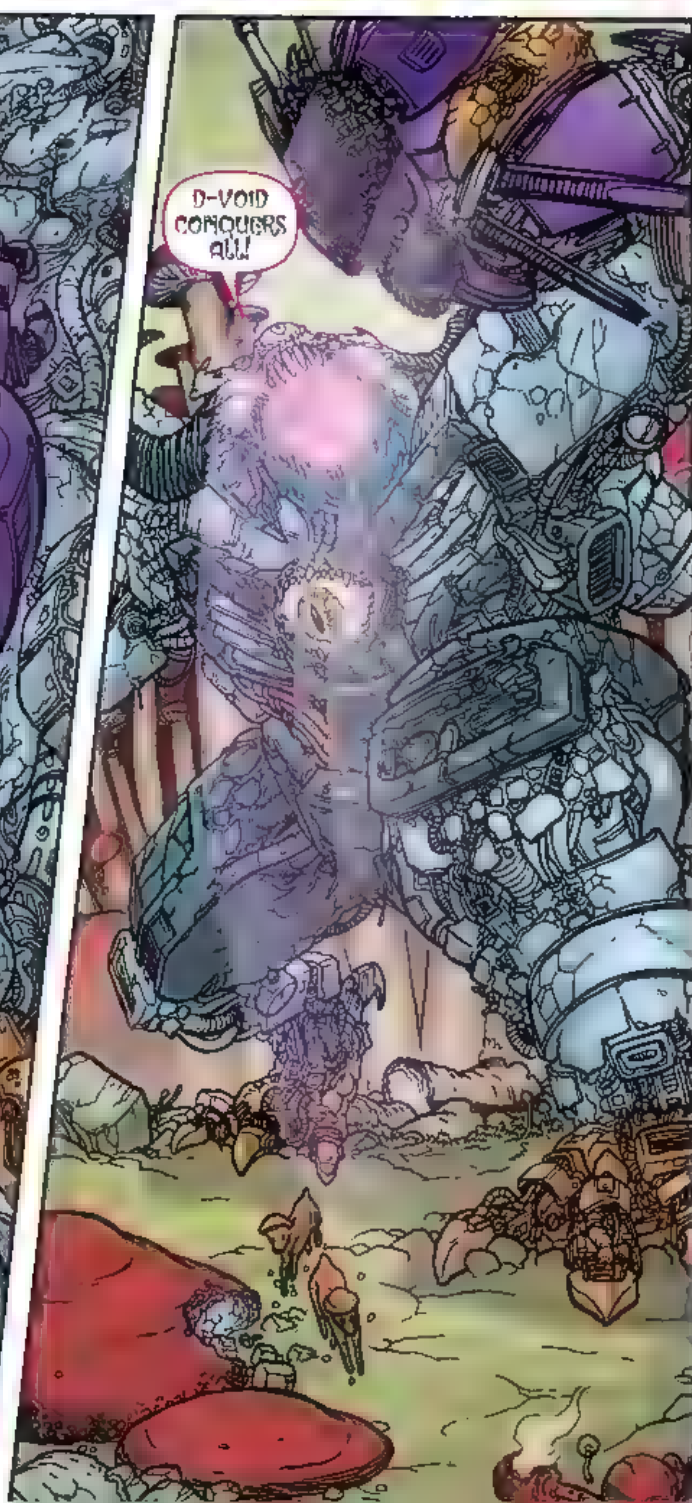


PERHAPS THE
RAW POWER
OF THE HEART
OF DARKNESS
WILL SUBDULE
YOU AND—

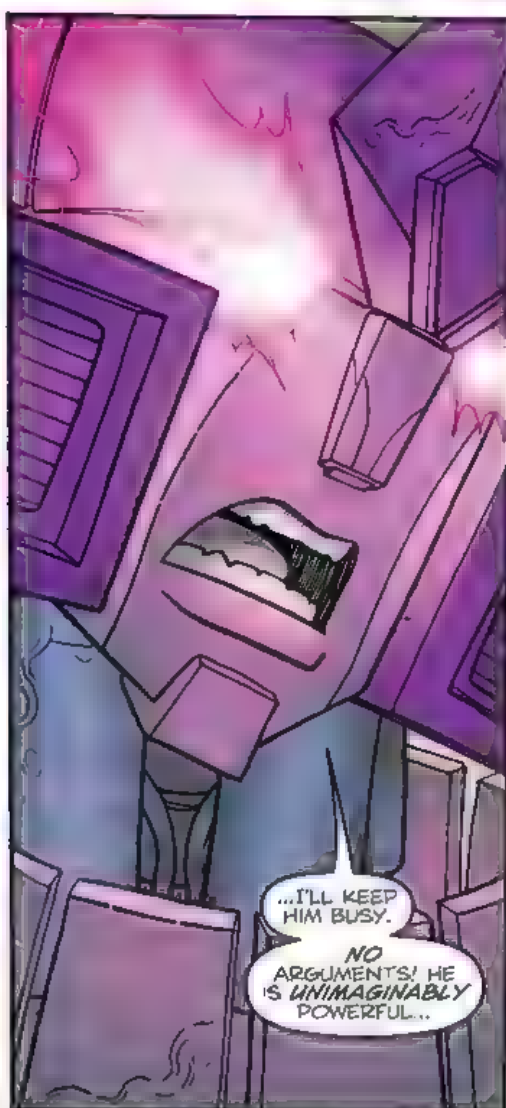
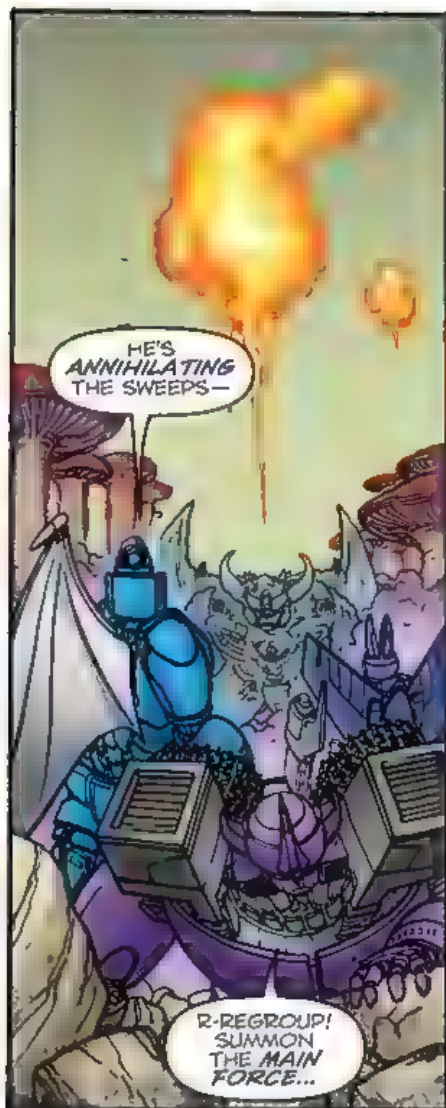
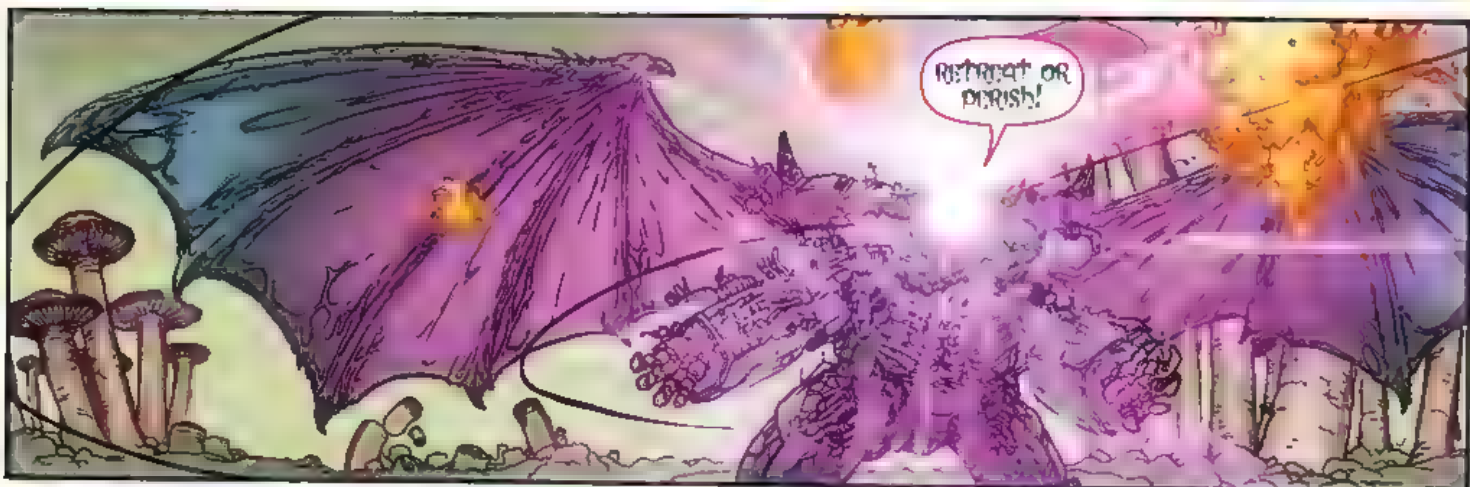
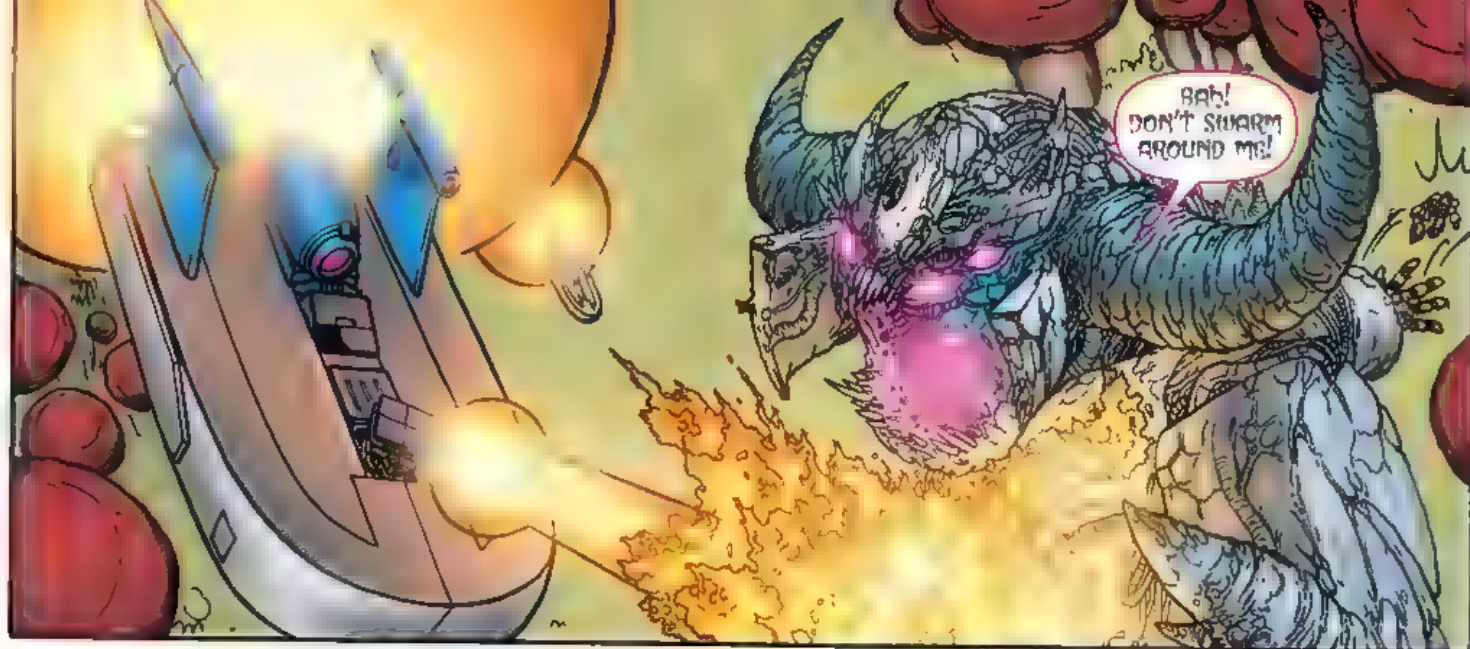


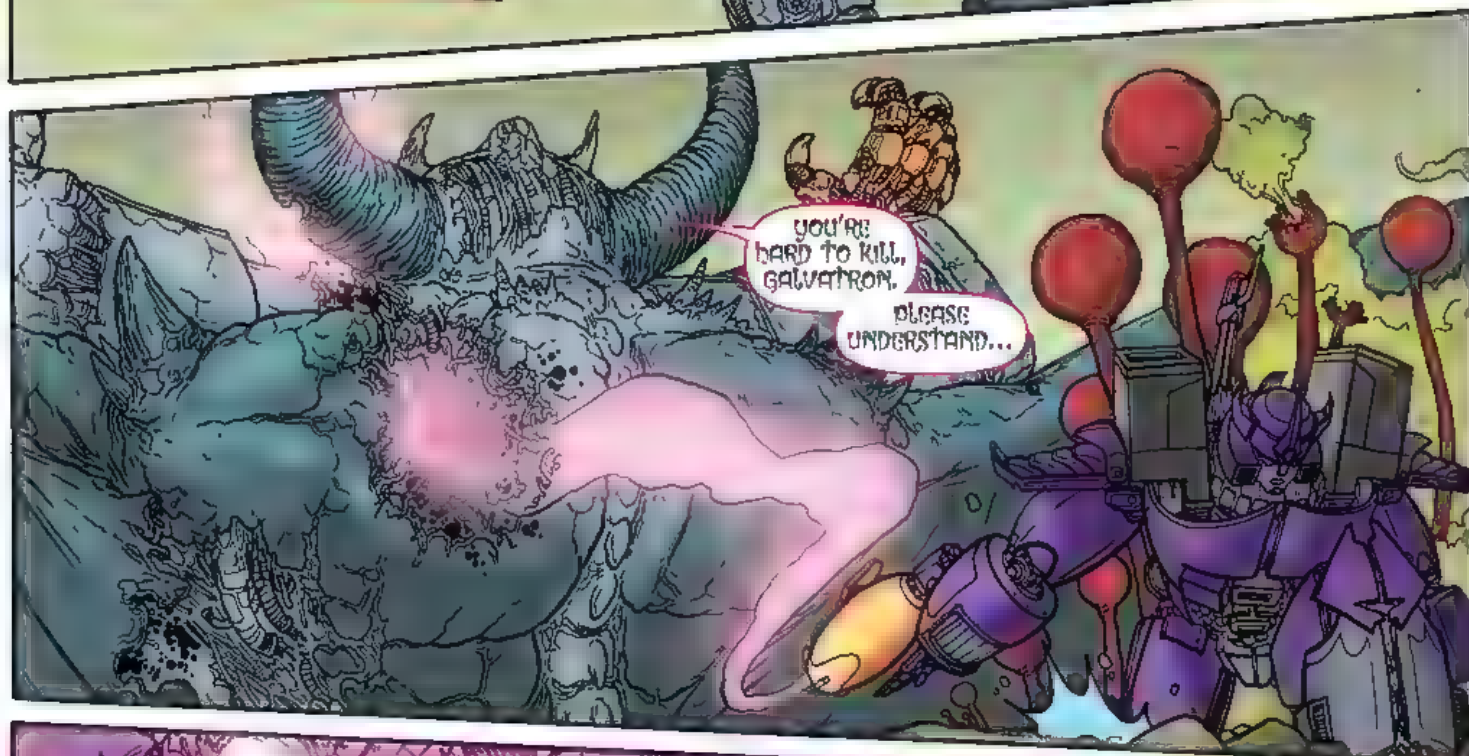
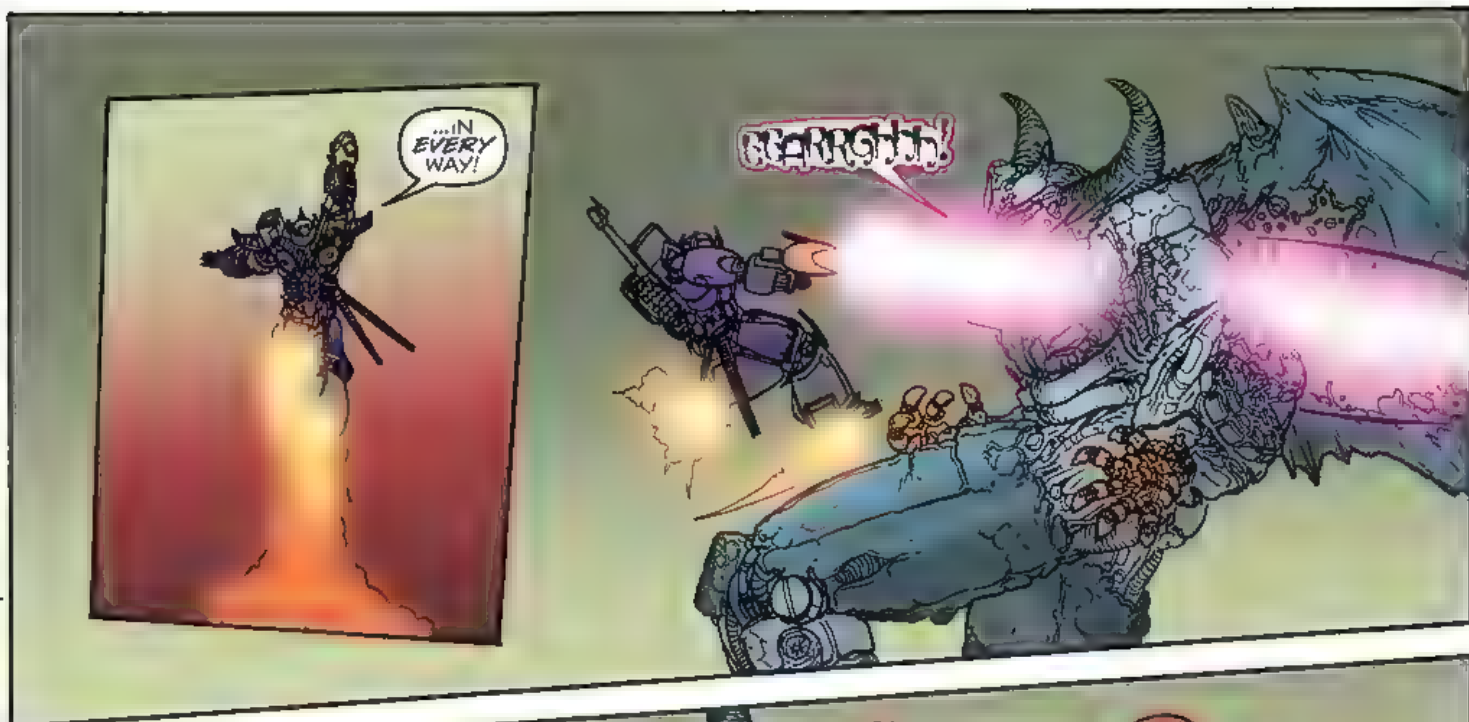
DON'T YOU
REALIZE HOW
OUT-CLASSED
YOU ARE?

—LIGHNNKK!



D-VOID
CONQUERS
ALL!

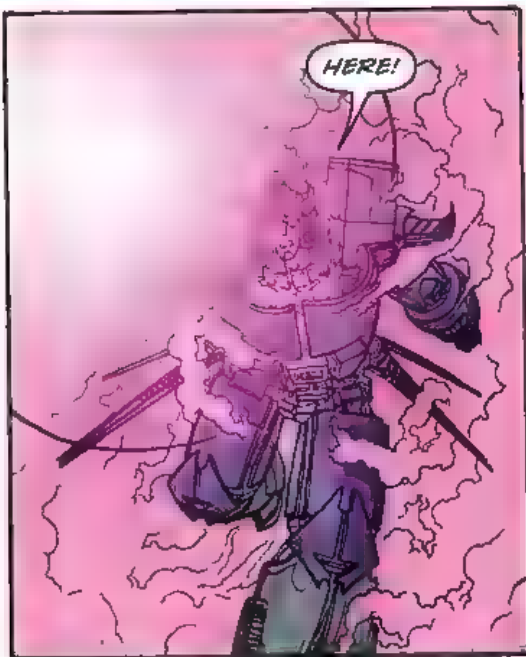




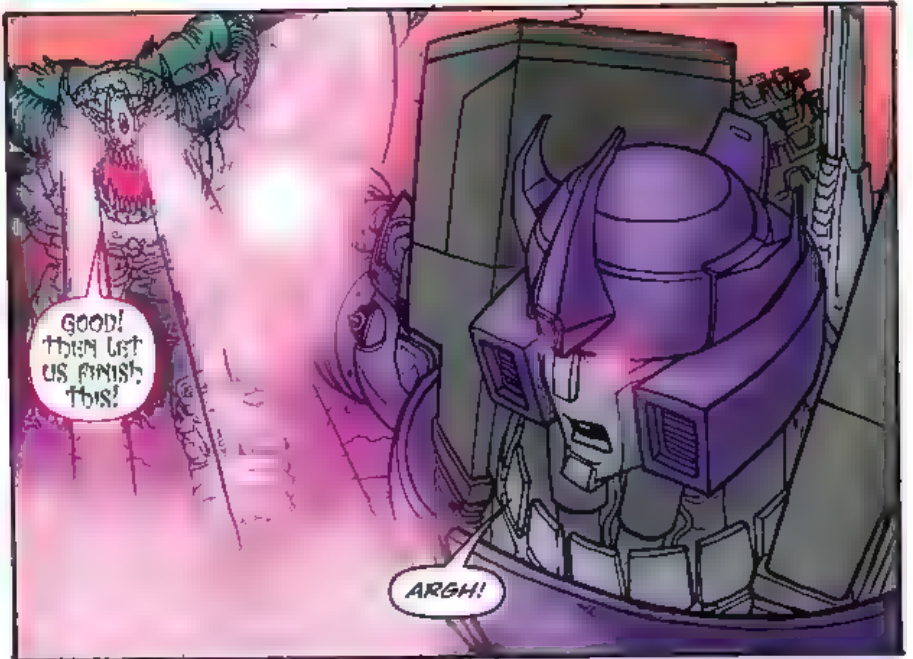


CURSE THESE
SMOKES...
MASKING MY
SENSORS!

WHERE ARE
YOU?!

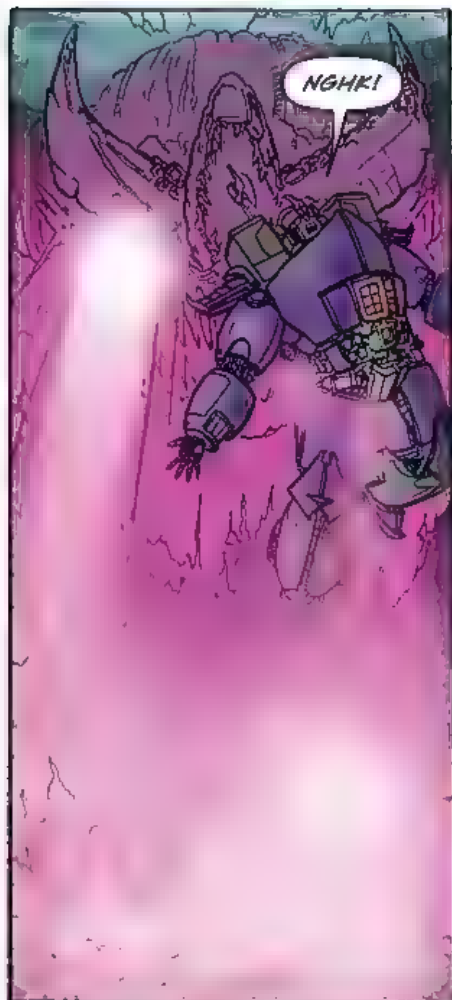


HERE!

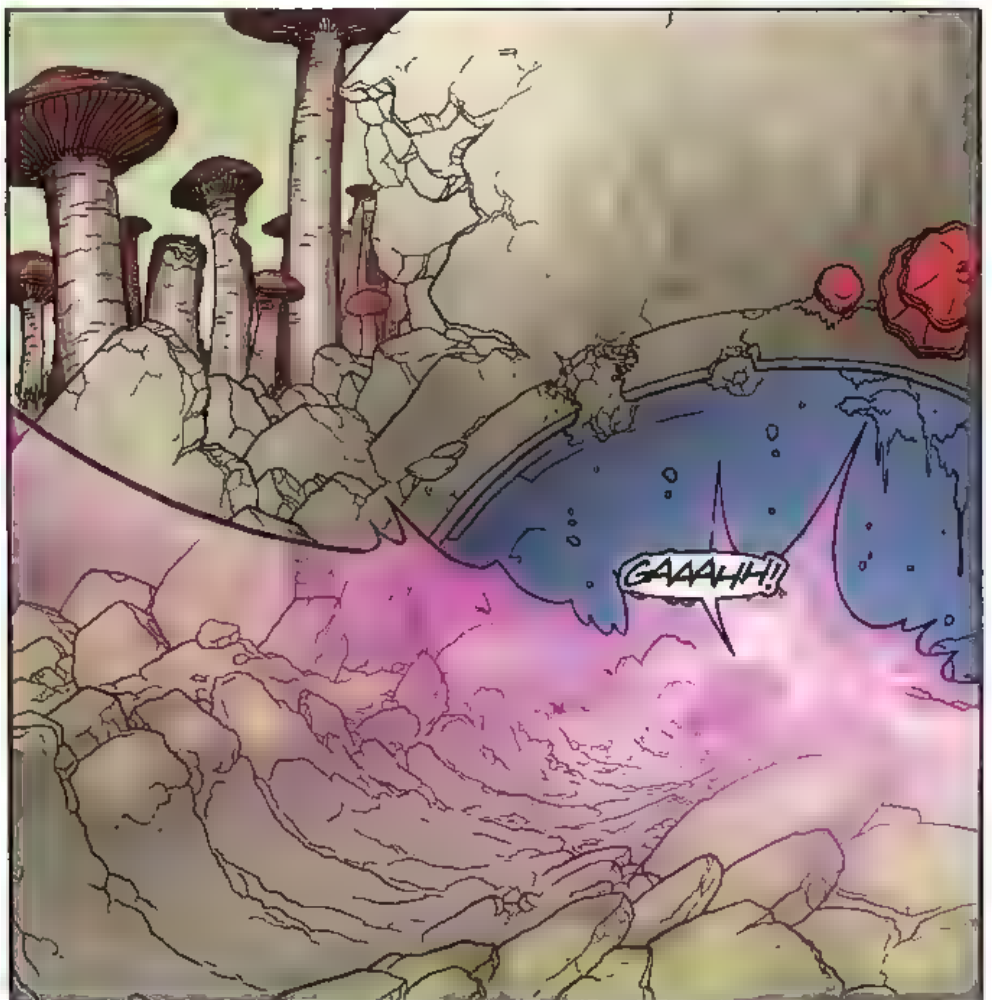


GOOD!
THEN LET
US FINISH
THIS!

ARGH!



NGHK!



GAAAAH!!



NGG...
THE PORTAL
CHAMBER...

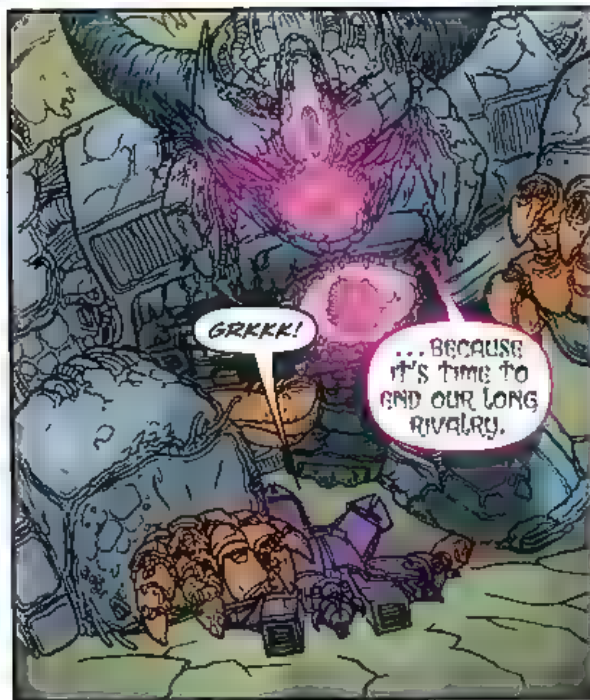
...THE FIGHT
HAS BROUGHT
ME CLOSE
ENOUGH TO
ACCESS IT...



HOPING
TO REPLENISH
YOUR POWER
RESERVES?

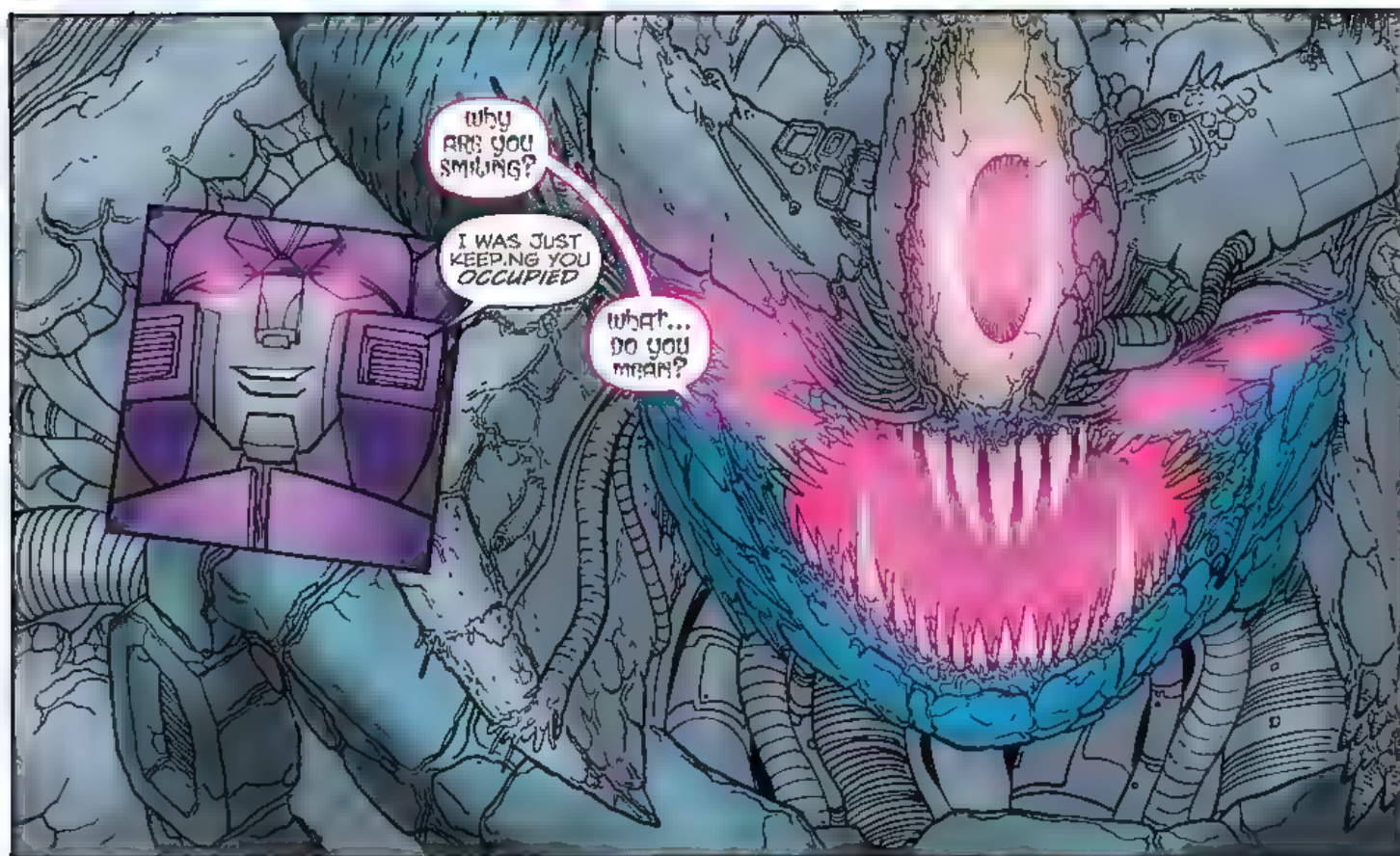


I CAN'T
LET YOU DO
THAT, I'M
AFRAID...



GREEK!

... BECAUSE
IT'S TIME TO
END OUR LONG
RIVALRY.



WHY
ARE YOU
SMILING?

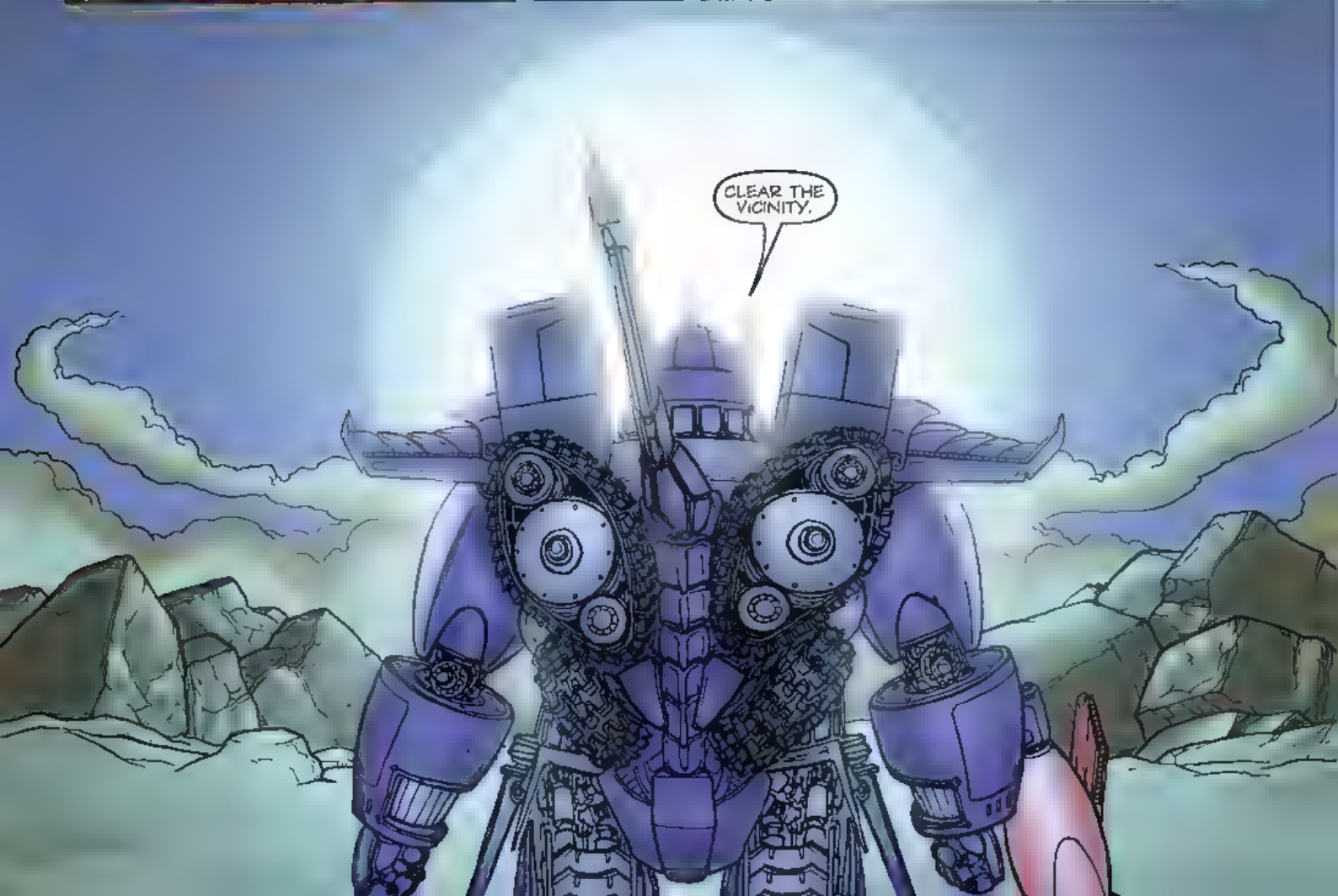
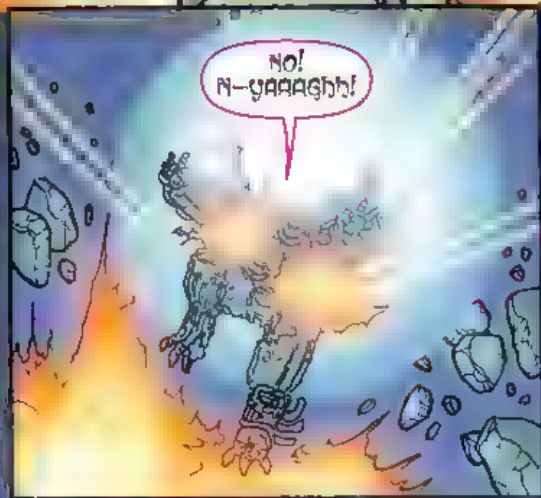
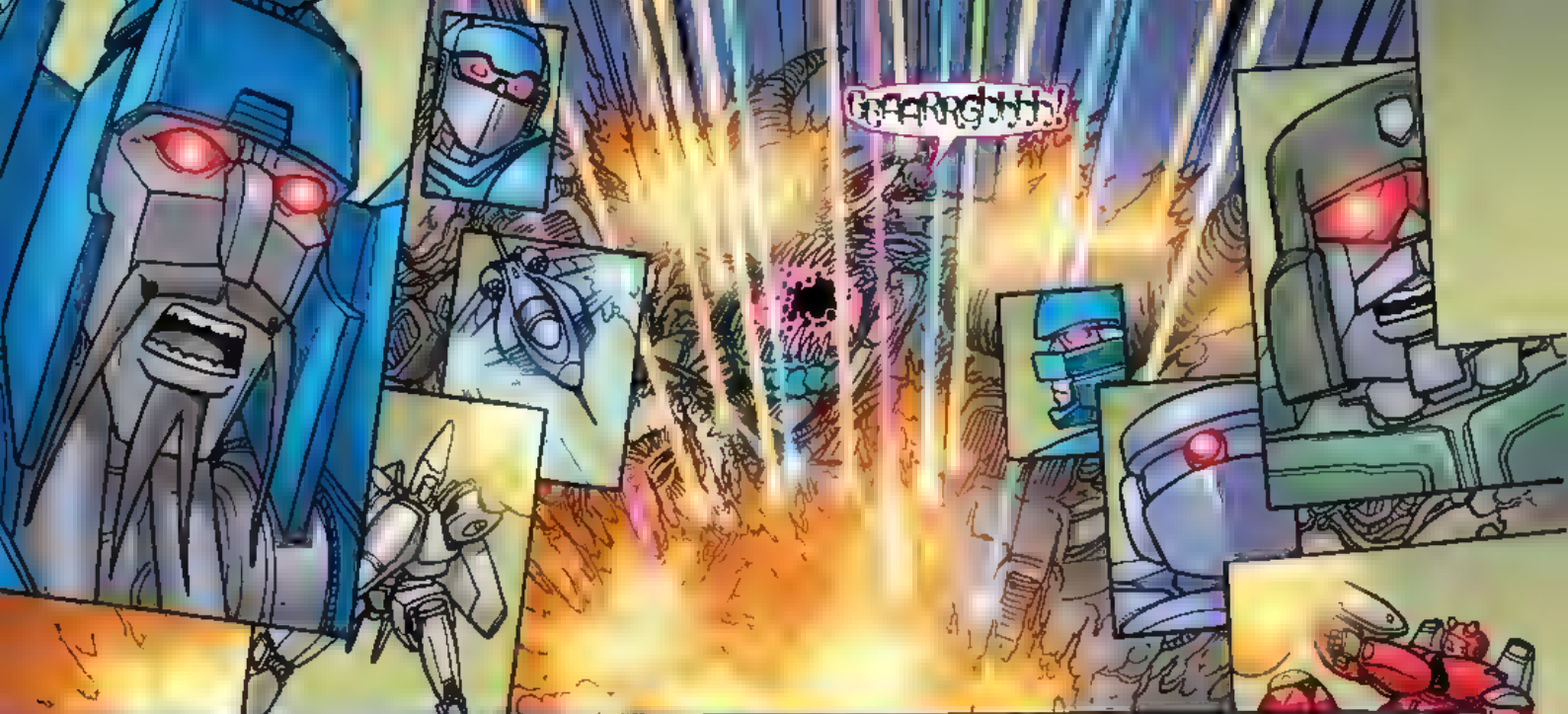
I WAS JUST
KEEPING YOU
OCCUPIED

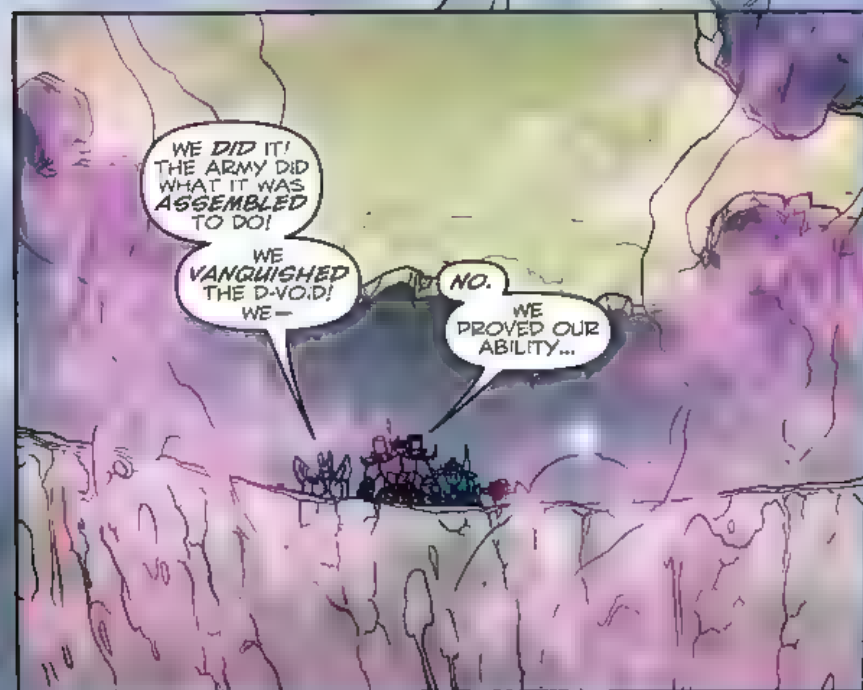
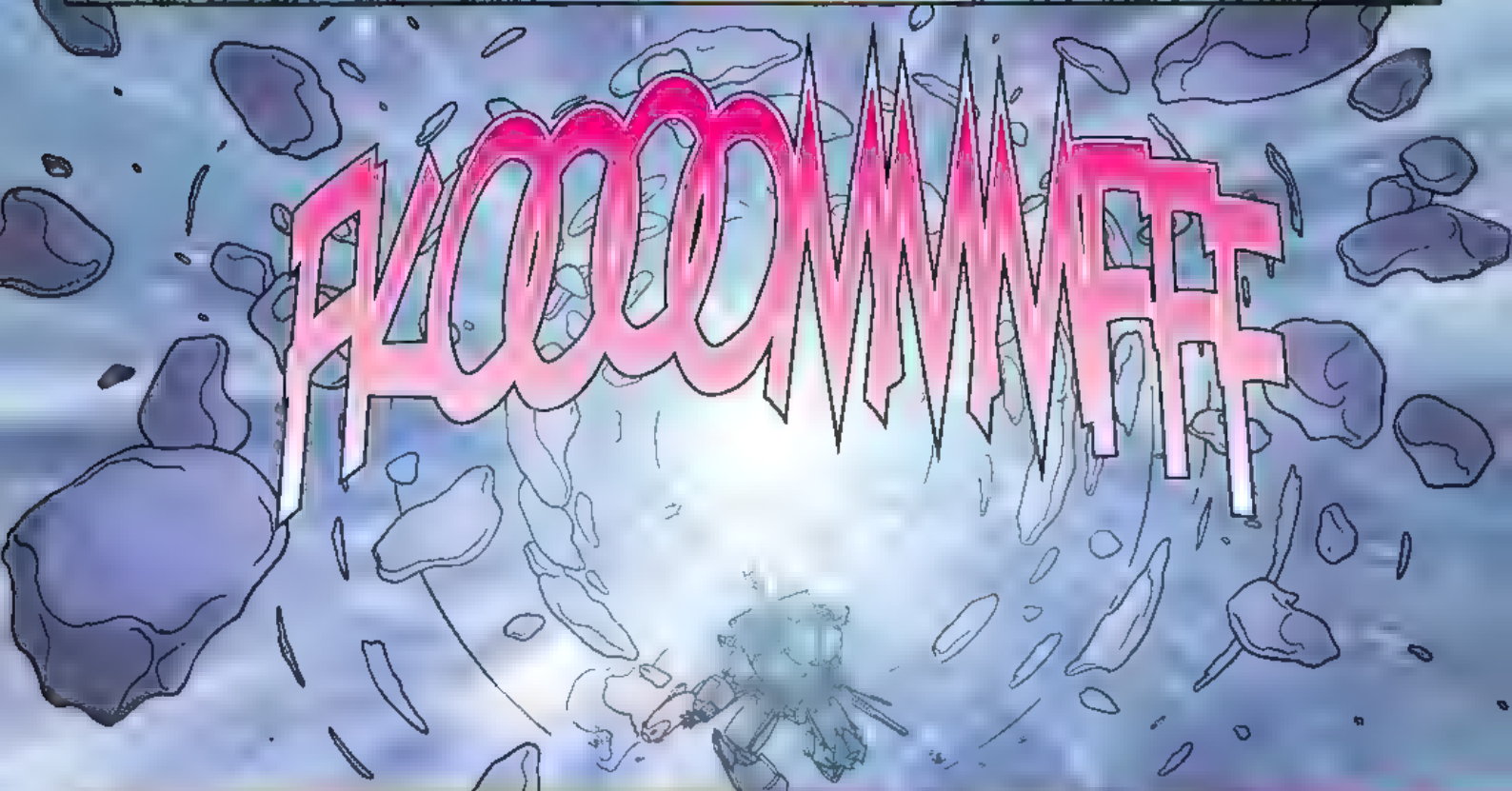
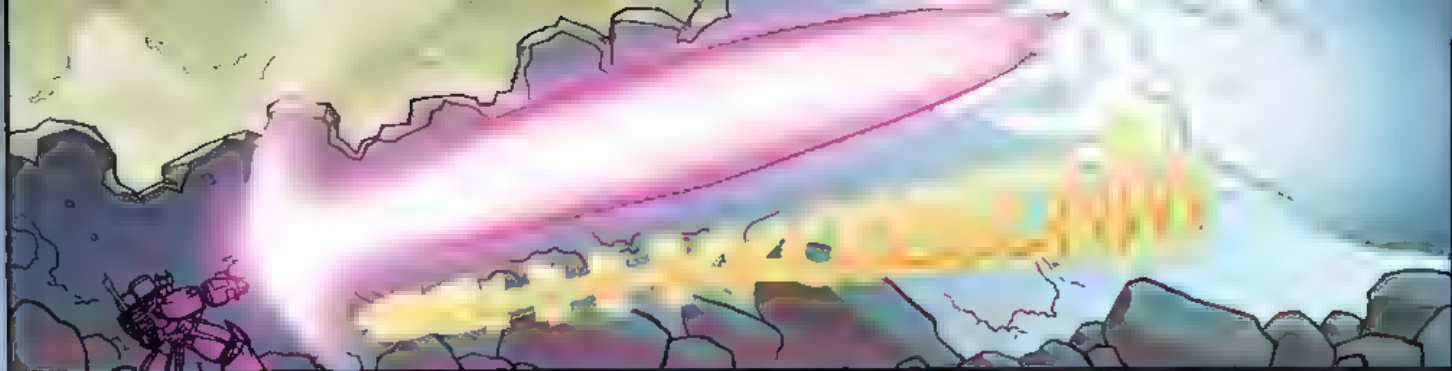
WHAT...
DO YOU
MEAN?



MY ARMY
HAS ARRIVED.
MY ENTIRE
ARMY.

NOW..
YOU WERE
SAYING?

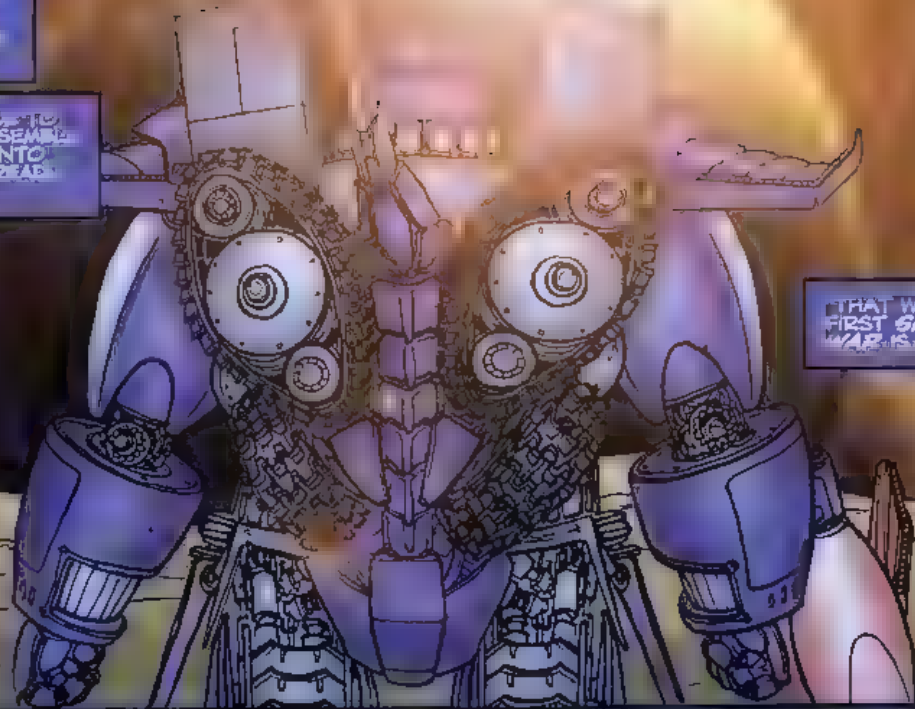




WE JUST LEAVE
TO EARTH. WE MUST
ENLIST THE AID OF
OPTIMUS PRIME AND
THE AUTOBOT HOST.

WE MUST REMAIN TRUE TO
OUR MISSION AND ASSEMBLE
ALL TRANSFORMERS INTO
THE UNITED ARMY. DEAR
FOLKS, GOODBYE.

THAT WAS JUST THE
FIRST SKIRMISH. THE
WAR IS COMING!

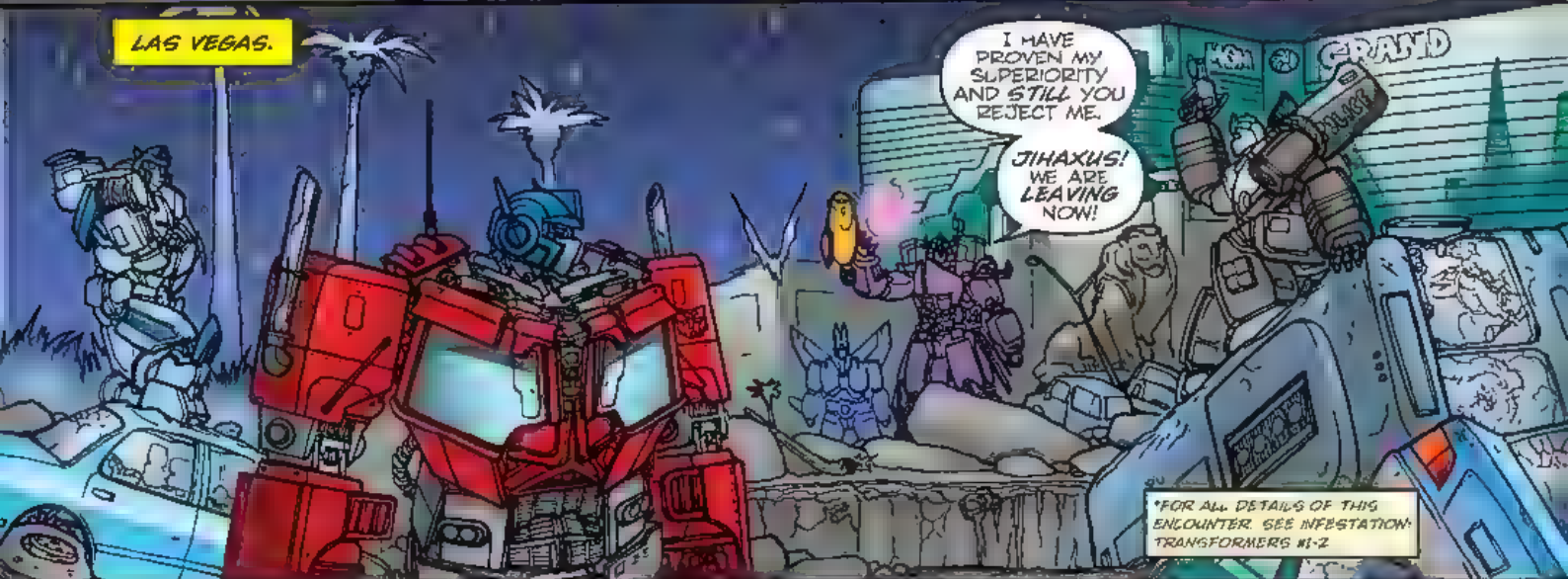


LAS VEGAS.

I HAVE
PROVEN MY
SUPERIORITY
AND STILL YOU
REJECT ME.

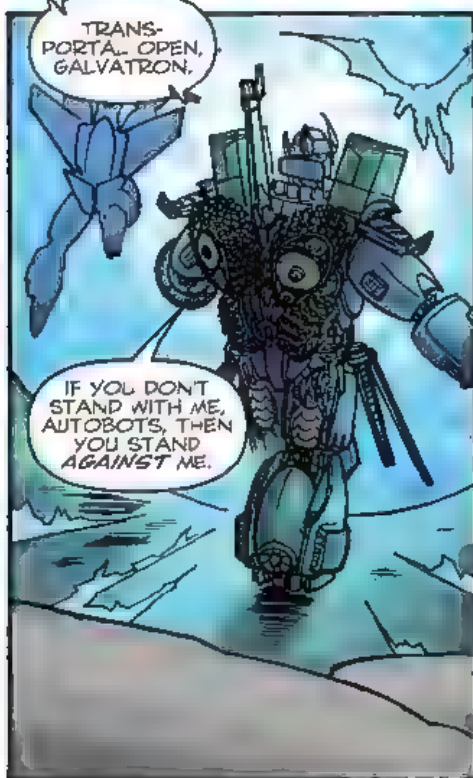
JIHAXUS!
WE ARE
LEAVING
NOW!

*FOR ALL DETAILS OF THIS
ENCOUNTER, SEE INFESTATION:
TRANSFORMERS #1-2



TRANS-
PORTA... OPEN,
GALVATRON.

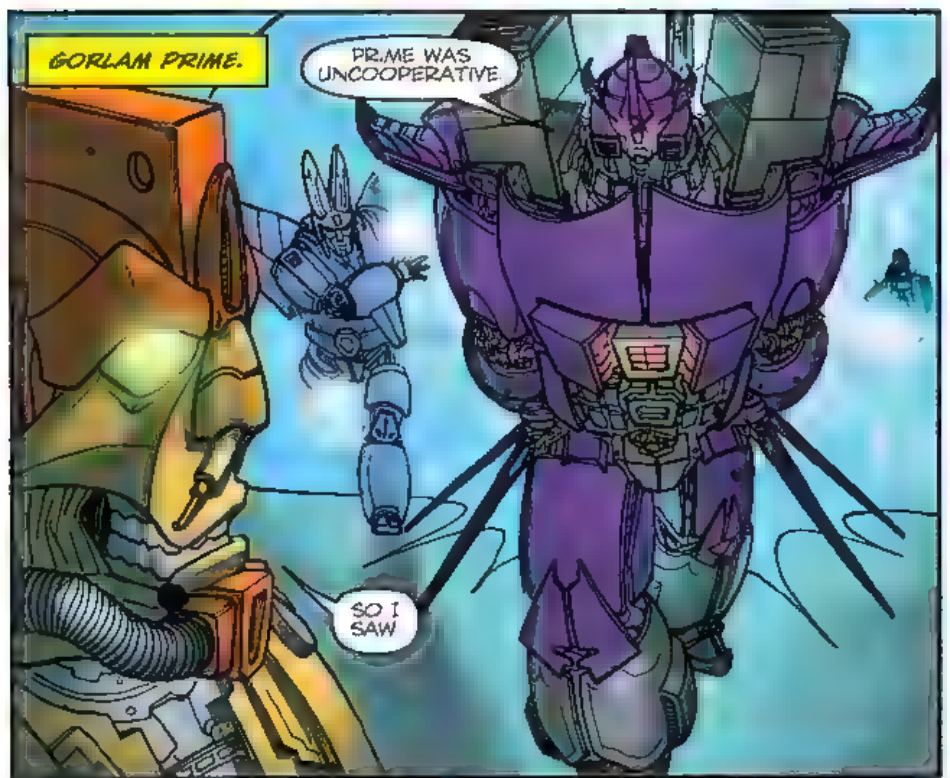
IF YOU DON'T
STAND WITH ME,
AUTOBOTS, THEN
YOU STAND
AGAINST ME.

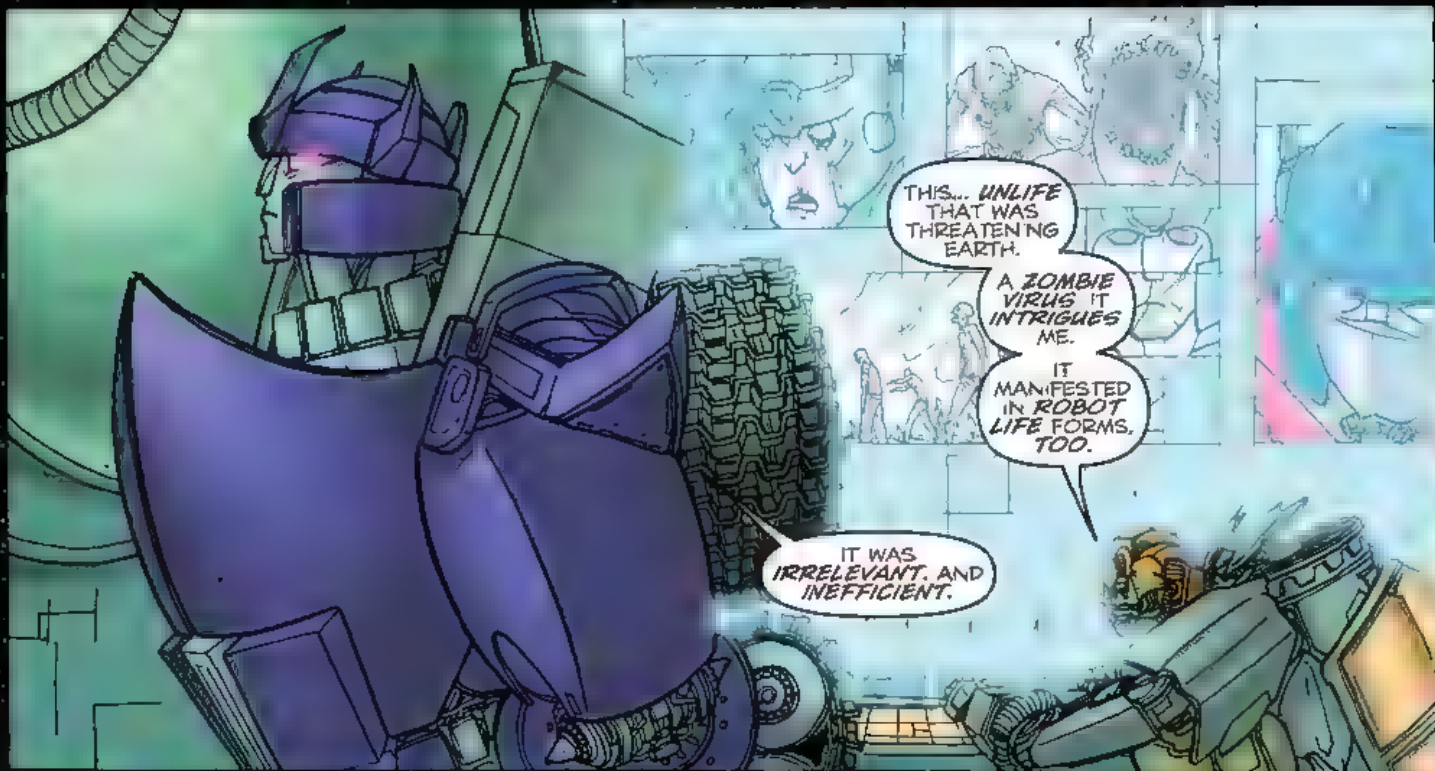


GORLAM PRIME.

PRIME WAS
UNCOOPERATIVE

SO I
SAW



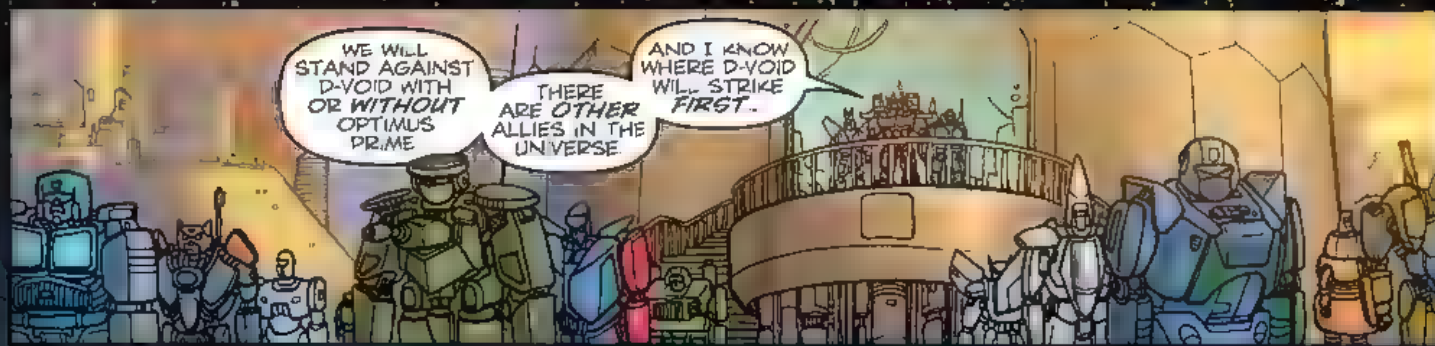


THIS... UNLIFE
THAT WAS
THREATENING
EARTH.

A ZOMBIE
VIRUS IT
INTRIGUES
ME.

IT
MANIFESTED
IN ROBOT
LIFE FORMS.
TOO.

IT WAS
IRRELEVANT. AND
INEFFICIENT.



WE WILL
STAND AGAINST
D-VOID WITH
OR WITHOUT
OPTIMUS
PRIME

THERE
ARE OTHER
ALLIES IN THE
UNIVERSE

AND I KNOW
WHERE D-VOID
WILL STRIKE
FIRST.



IT TASTES
CYBERTRON'S POWER
ON GORLAM PRIME
BUT IT WANTS THE
REAL THING

CYBERTRON
WILL BE ITS FOOTHOLD
IN THIS UNIVERSE

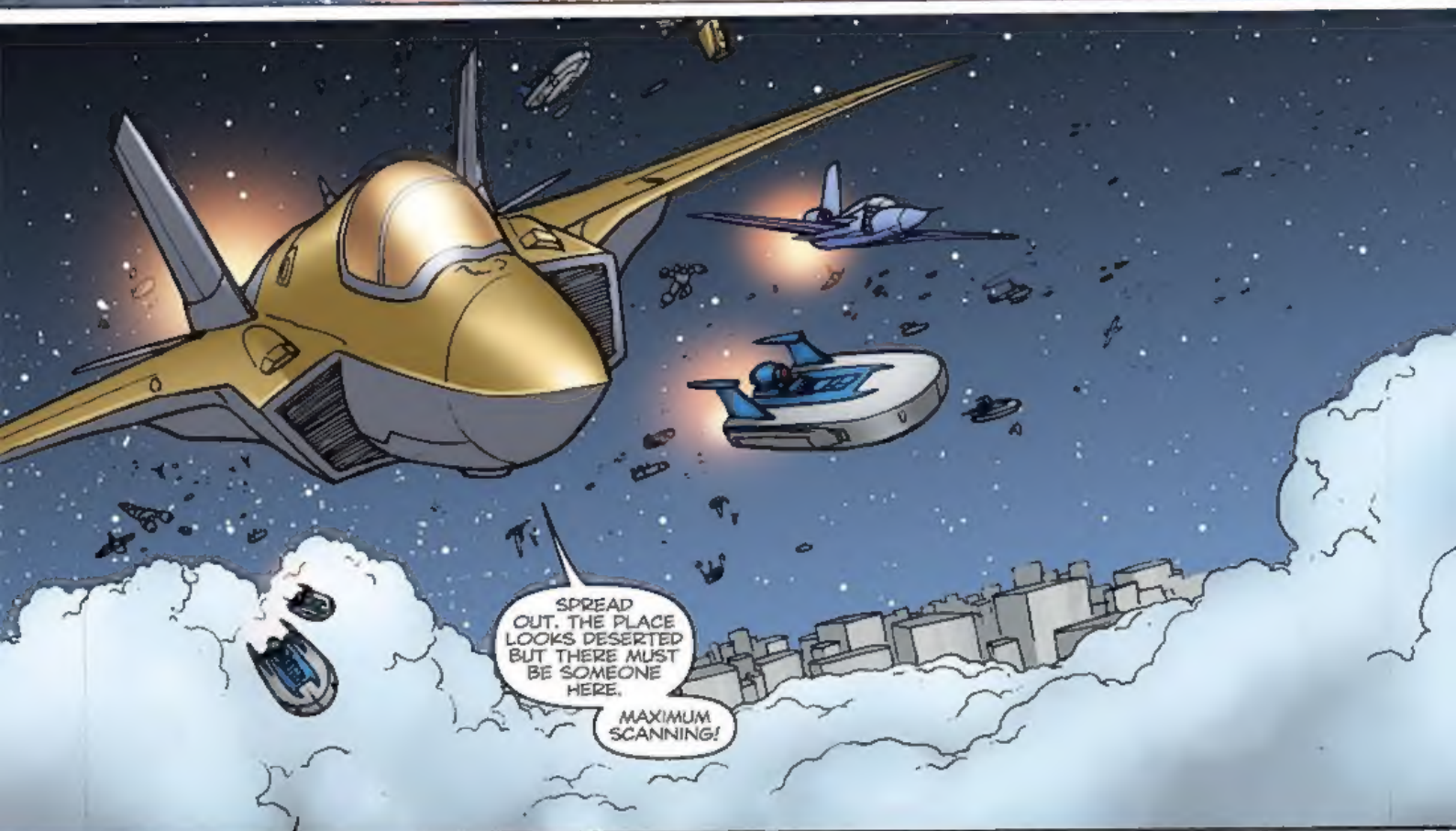
CYBERTRON.

CYBERTRON
WILL BE OUR FIRST
LINE OF DEFENSE

LANDING
FORMATION. LOCATE AND
IDENTIFY ALL
LOCAL
FORCES.



SWEEPS AND
SCOUT UNITS
DEPLOYING!



SPREAD
OUT. THE PLACE
LOOKS DESERTED
BUT THERE MUST
BE SOMEONE
HERE.

MAXIMUM
SCANNING!



SWEEP
UNIT! I HAVE
DETECTED AN
ENERGON
READING!

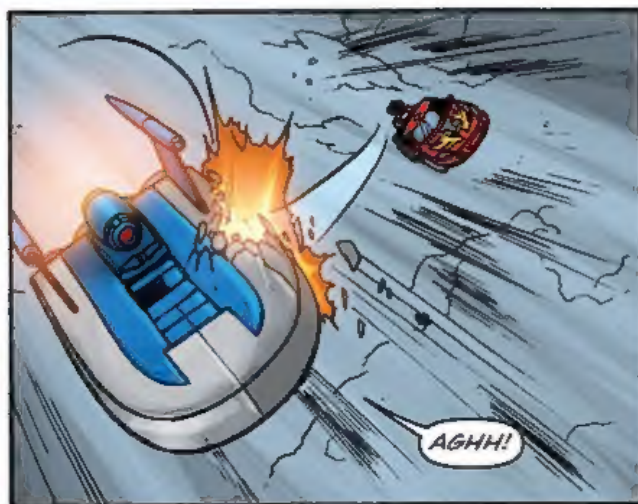
THIS IS
GALVATRON.
SECURE THE
AREA.

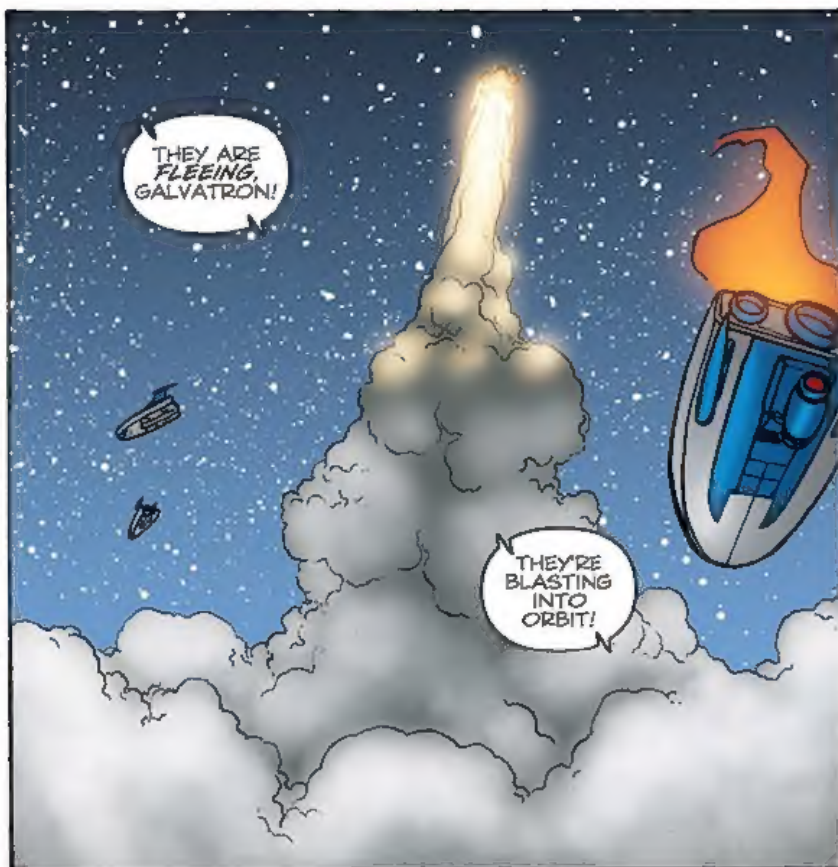



DETECTING
AUTOBOT
UNITS.

THEY ARE
ACTIVATING
THEIR **WEAPON**
SYSTEMS.

I AM
ENGAGING!







THEY'RE JUST
MAKING A **TACTICAL**
WITHDRAWAL WHILE
THEY FIGURE OUT
MY INTENTIONS.

LIKE OPTIMUS
PRIME AND THE
AUTOBOTS OF EARTH,
THEY **SUSPECT** THE
PURITY OF MY
MOTIVATIONS.

LET THEM
GO FOR NOW.
THEY WILL LEARN.
THEY WILL LEARN
WHAT **REALLY**
MATTERS.

FOR NOW,
CYBERTRON
IS **MINE**.

I WILL HOLD
AND **DEFEND**
IT... FOR THE SAKE
OF OUR RACE AND
THE FATE OF THE
UNIVERSE!

END...

DO NOT MISS THE
CONTINUATION OF THIS
SAGA STARTING IN
TRANSFORMERS #21!